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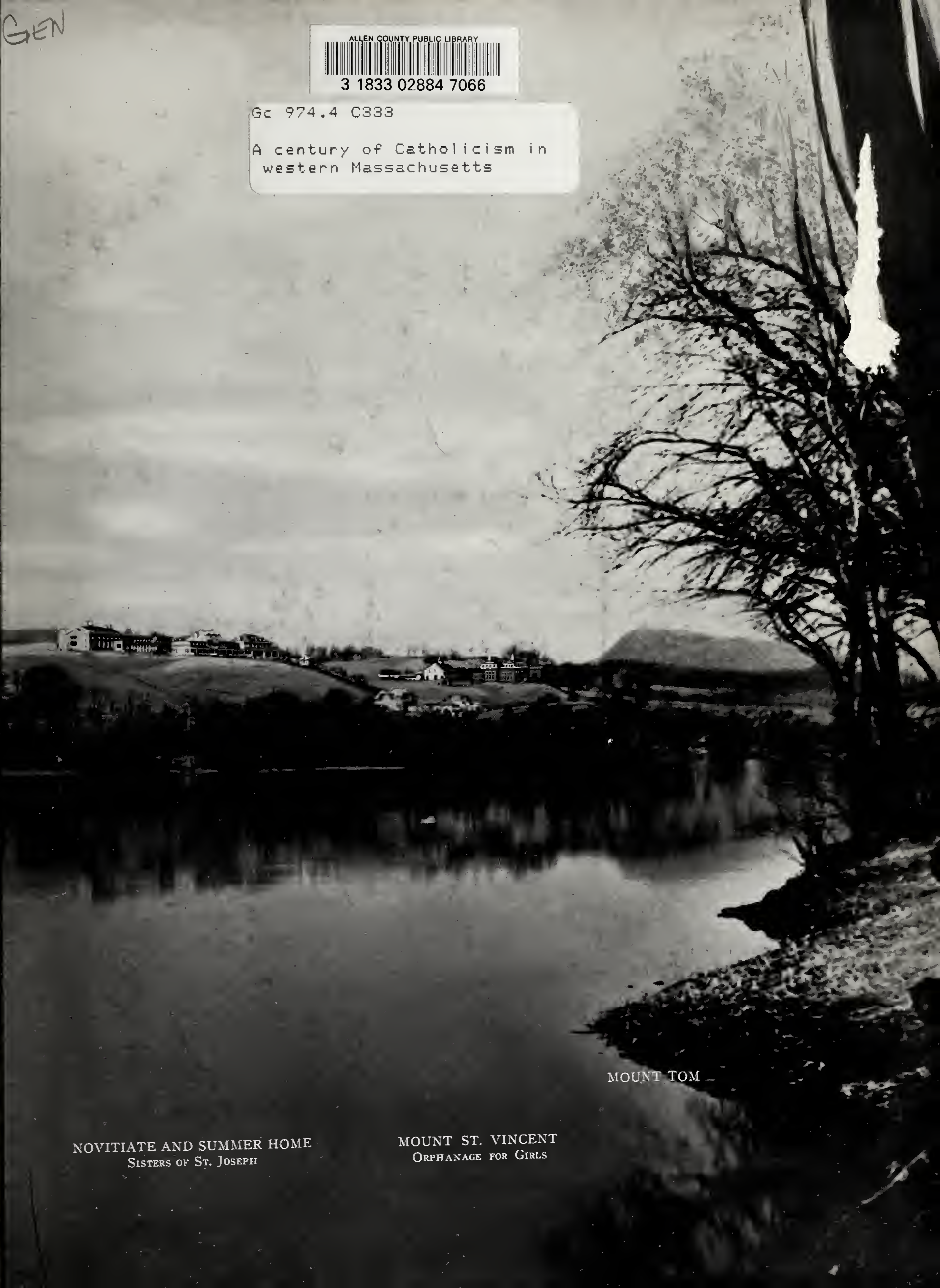

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THOMAS M. O'LEARY,
Bishop of Springfield.

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Right Reverend Bishop O'Leary

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Right Reverend Thomas Mary O'Leary, D. D.

Bishop of Springfield

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Foreword

BY THE EDITOR

IN PRESENTING this special edition to the Catholics of the Springfield Diocese, we have a twofold object in view: to recall to the minds of all the noble heritage of piety and self-sacrifice bequeathed to us by heroic forbears, and to make *The* CATHOLIC MIRROR, Springfield's diocesan organ, better known to the Catholic people whose cause it represents, and to the advertisers whose message it transmits to Catholic firesides.

Seventy-five and one hundred years ago, our ancestors were proving to us "it is the Mass that counts," by the journeys they made and the hardships they endured to assist at the Holy Sacrifice, at times in humble hut, or often open field. As Father Blunt says so beautifully:

> Came they not with blazing trumpets,
> came they not with flying flags;
> Came they not as a host defeated, in its
> battle-tattered rags;
> But with heart of bold crusaders did
> they tread the stranger sod,
> And they builded here a city to the
> Everlasting God.

What these heroes and heroines of the Cross handed down unimpaired to posterity, the Faith that emerged unscathed from penal law and proscription, the "faith of our fathers, living still, in spite of dungeon, fire and sword," it behooves us to preserve as untarnished as it came to us, and hand on with new lustre to generations yet unborn.

Too much credit cannot be given to the fervent priests who shared their people's trials that they might break with them the Bread of Life. As we read the thrilling narrations of priestly journeyings before the days of rapid transit or modern roadbeds, we marvel at the ground covered, the obstacles overcome, and wonder if they had a home and when they visited it. There was a time when one priest covered the state; later, one priest cared for a county; then a single priest visited a score of towns, that, of those entrusted to them, not one might be lost. Space forbids paying merited tribute to them all, these pioneers on our Massachusetts frontiers of the Catholic Faith, but we scatter, here and there, through our rapid narrative, appreciation of a few by whom we recall all. An appropriate monument to "The Unknown Priest" of a century ago would be a black-robed figure, cast in heroic mold, with the features of the Good Shepherd, and eyes fixed in loving charity on forbidding hill and trackless plain, whither he trudges, with pilgrim staff, in quest of the one who has wandered afar from the ninety and nine.

The message which they bore, in the sweat of their brows and at the risk of life and limb, to scattered groups, must be flashed into modern ears by the myriad voices of pulpit, school and press. The modern assault on Catholic Christianity and all Christianity is none the less dangerous because more insidious and insinuating. The voice of every modern Pope and Bishop, the actual experience of every Catholic nation, join in an unanimous warning that today the pulpit must be augmented by the press, and the sermon must be reinforced by the Catholic editorial. As Pius X, of blessed memory, warned us, we shall build churches and schools in vain unless we give them the defense of a modern, militant press.

The knights of the pen have already rendered memorable service to the cause of truth. Such editors as Veuillot, Bourassa, de Mur, O'Reilly and a host of others have made contributions which no one but an editor could make. However, a paper is influential only in proportion to the numbers of its readers, and so we place the story of Catholicity in our diocese before our half-million Catholics as a pleasing approach for our diocesan organ to its prospective readers. We solicit their support and hope our present issue will add to our friends until they include the reading public of our entire diocese.

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His Holiness Pope Pius XI

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In Retrospect

By

Right Reverend Thomas M. O'Leary, D.D.

Bishop of Springfield

It is fitting and proper that *The* Catholic Mirror, as our official diocesan organ, should make its initial bow to our diocese as a whole by recalling the glorious achievements of our Commonwealth since the coming of the Puritans and the rapid spread of the Catholic Church within its borders, once the legal restrictions of colonial days had been removed, reviewing particularly the fine progress of our Catholic flock in Western Massachusetts during the advance of a glorious century.

These notable anniversaries, happily almost coinciding in time, teach their own lesson that loyalty to ecclesiastical and civil authority go hand in hand as promoters of the highest welfare in a Christian state, and remind us how valiantly the Fathers of our Republic and our forefathers in the Faith hewed toward the light of a better understanding in a more perfect citizenship. No one beyond the forbidding frontiers of Soviet Russia would deny today that "For God and Country" is an imposing motto for Christian manhood and womanhood, and a guarantee against the undermining of Christianity's bedrock by the siren voice and insidious assault of Bolshevik propaganda.

True, from the viewpoint of religious tolerance, the Puritan forbears left much to be desired, but they erred honestly, acted in the light of their historic day and trained a sturdy race who, in the dawn of a better day, placed Massachusetts in the forefront of revolutionary activity and made notable contributions to the leadership which gave us the Bill of Rights. Three hundred years have given us a Commonwealth which they would scarcely recognize, of many of whose statutes and constitutional provisions they would not approve, but in which the fruit of their sturdy characters and unfailing devotion to the right as they saw the right are everywhere manifest. Their courage in facing the dangers of unknown seas to erect homes in the trackless forests of unknown lands is evidence of a sincerity and conscientious purpose to which we, after the lapse of three centuries, cannot but pay tribute. Their love of one religion has blossomed into a constitutional acknowledgment that everyone has the same God-given right to follow his conscience in his fealty to his Creator, and that the trained conscience is the safest guide at the ballot box as well as at the altar.

Although Catholic feet trod the soil of our beloved state much farther back than a century, the Catholic was legally proscribed until our revolutionary legislation made him welcome. Hence it was that, one hundred years back, the first sturdy Catholic missionary sought out the scattered groups of Catholic laborers along the railroads and canals, to give them the consolations of religion. Father Fitton, of blessed memory, blazed the pioneer trail of priestly activity. One hundred years ago, we can visualize that lone figure, on foot or on horseback, on hand car or freight train, covering the vast area, from the confines of Boston to the New York line, and from the borders of Vermont to Hartford. That lone pioneer established missions and stations from Worcester and Webster and Blackstone on the East to Springfield and Chicopee and Westfield and Barrington and Northampton on the West. It is only justice, a century later, that we lay this wreath of gratitude to the memory of this great worker who, at Worcester, built the first church in Western Massachusetts, and said the first Mass at its temporary altar amid a terrific electric storm which failed to hinder the priest or scatter the flock. That scene, momentous in the annals of Catholicity in Western Massachusetts, was symbolic of Peter's Bark, which, in spite of the storms of the ages, has extended its cruise and unfurled its standard of salvation over every harbor around the world's circumference.

In the Providence of God, famine in Ireland, oppression in Poland, industrial necessity in

Canada sent large reinforcements to Catholic ranks. The laborers were few but energetic to the point of tirelessness. To help Father Fitton came Father Brady and Father Cavanaugh to Chicopee, Father Gibson to Worcester, Father Cuddihy to Pittsfield, so that, in paraphrase of Parkman, we can truthfully say that not a canal was built, not a railroad constructed, not a mill operated but a Catholic priest appeared.

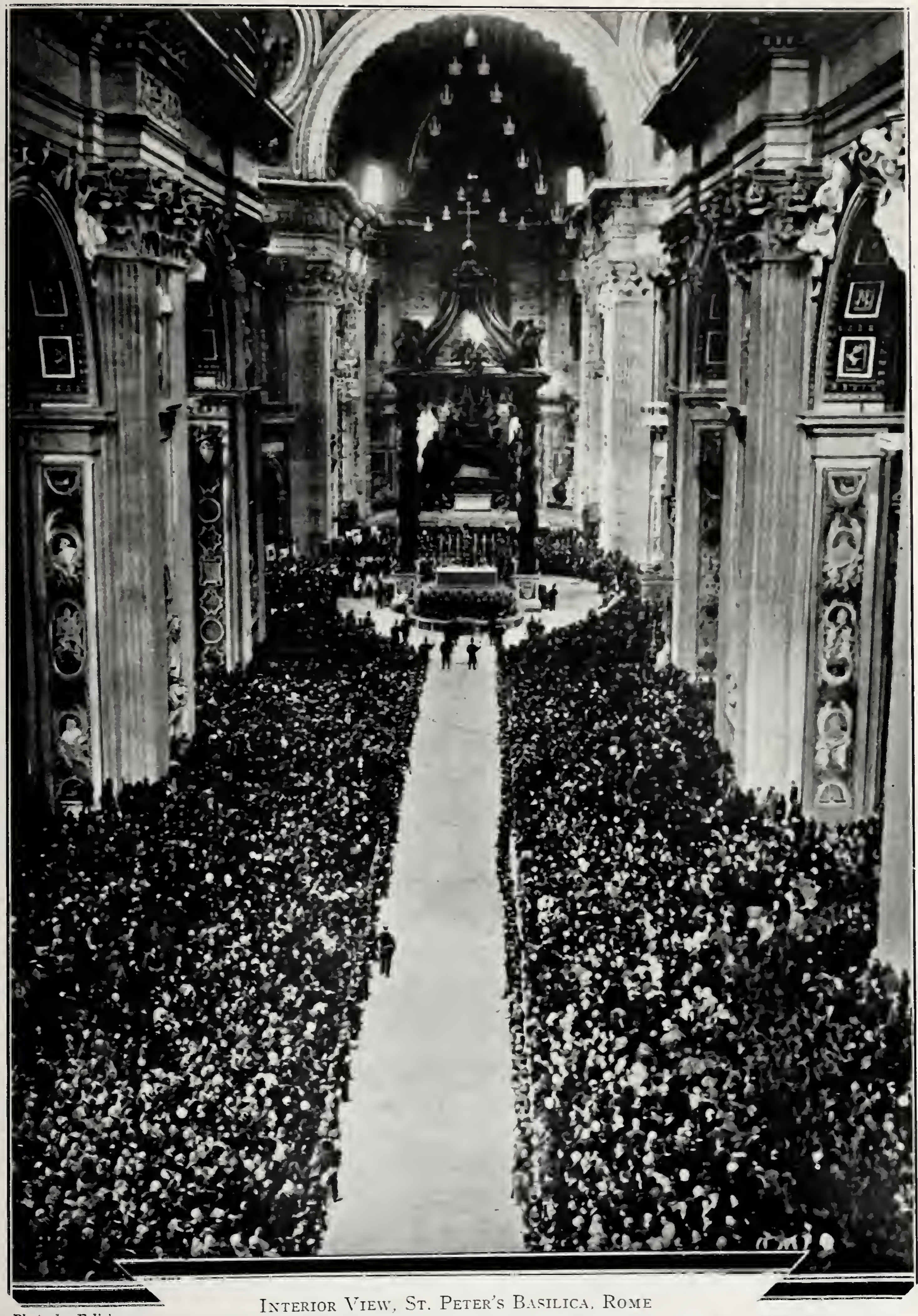
With the return of peace after the era of reconstruction, came permanent structures of brick and mortar to replace the inadequate frame buildings which sheltered our Eucharistic God and His faithful flocks in the romantic but trying days of Catholicity's early struggles. A lion-hearted, clear visioned pastor at Chicopee established the first Catholic school in charge of religious teachers, soon to be followed by St. Jerome's at Holyoke and St. John's at Worcester. Who can say that Father Healy, with the courage to begin the great work of Catholic education, had not the foresight to see that, in little more than half a century, Catholic schools would shelter fifty thousand pupils in these counties where he erected his solitary asylum of Catholic education?

In 1870, with the erection of Western Massachusetts into an episcopal see, new impetus was given to the spread of the Faith. Bishop O'Reilly's reign of twenty-two years, followed by the twenty-eight years of Bishop Beaven's able leadership, saw Catholic ranks grow apace, Catholic homes of worship multiply. With the erection of beautiful temples to the Master, the self-respect and the esprit de corps of the Catholic rank and file showed proportionate growth. They felt a becoming pride in the self-sacrifice, perseverance and triumph over appalling obstacles which brightened every page of the story of Catholic pioneers who, coming where they were not welcome, remained to be welcomed and esteemed. When they realized the wonders wrought by the widow's mite, the workman's dole and the servant's pittance, they faced the future with hope and courage, as though meditating: What can we not do with the business man's generosity, the professional man's donation, and the banker's contribution? Surely, "if such things were done in the green wood, what would be done in the dry"?

Our addition to the achievements of a century has been an earnest effort to enlarge and beautify the superstructure, whose foundations had been laid deep and strong by priestly zeal and self-sacrifice, and lay self-denial and generosity. Our contribution to Massachusetts' story in the busy decade now drawing to a happy close has given new hospitals to our suffering, new schools to our little ones, and a new college to crown the education of our girls. Today, from the kindergarten to the college degree, we point with pride and gratitude to the fact that our Catholic educational facilities measure up to the exacting requirements of our Holy Father's momentous encyclical on the necessity of making the Catholic school as omnipresent as the church. Today, the sombre garb of our parochial clergy is no more familiar in our diocese than the school uniforms characteristic of the daughters of Mary, St. Joseph, and St. Ann. and the sons of Loyola and St. Augustine.

We recall, too, that the best of all proofs that we appreciate the Faith which the Master calls "the pearl of great price" is our readiness to hand it on to others, especially to those who, without our apostolic efforts, would continue to sit in darkness. Tried by this standard, our people have met the test triumphantly, and the splendid spread of the Society for the Propaganda throughout the diocese is indisputable demonstration that what the pioneers of Catholicity did for us, we are eager to do for others on the far flung frontiers of Catholicity's universal line. Our Catholic laity today, in furthering the works of God, are surmounting industrial depression and economic hardship as cheerfully as their predecessors met the challenge of virgin forest and scanty wage and hostile surroundings. To both, God giveth the increase.

It is a commendable and happy thought, then, for *The* CATHOLIC MIRROR, in a special centenary edition, to place before our fellow citizens and fellow Catholics the deep debt which we owe to our civic past and our religious ancestry and the high responsibility which is ours to keep aloft the flag of the Republic and the standard of the Cross, our dearest heritages from the days that are gone, but will never die. To keep alive the memory of that heritage, to herald all current achievements which add to it, to warn of any dangers which assail it, to defend its promoters and champions, and, "with malice toward none and charity toward all," to set aright the ill-informed who misrepresent it and to rebuke the malicious who defame it—this we conceive to be the mission of *The* CATHOLIC MIRROR in our diocese and the Catholic press everywhere. May God speed its message to the homes of our diocese and the firesides of the faithful!



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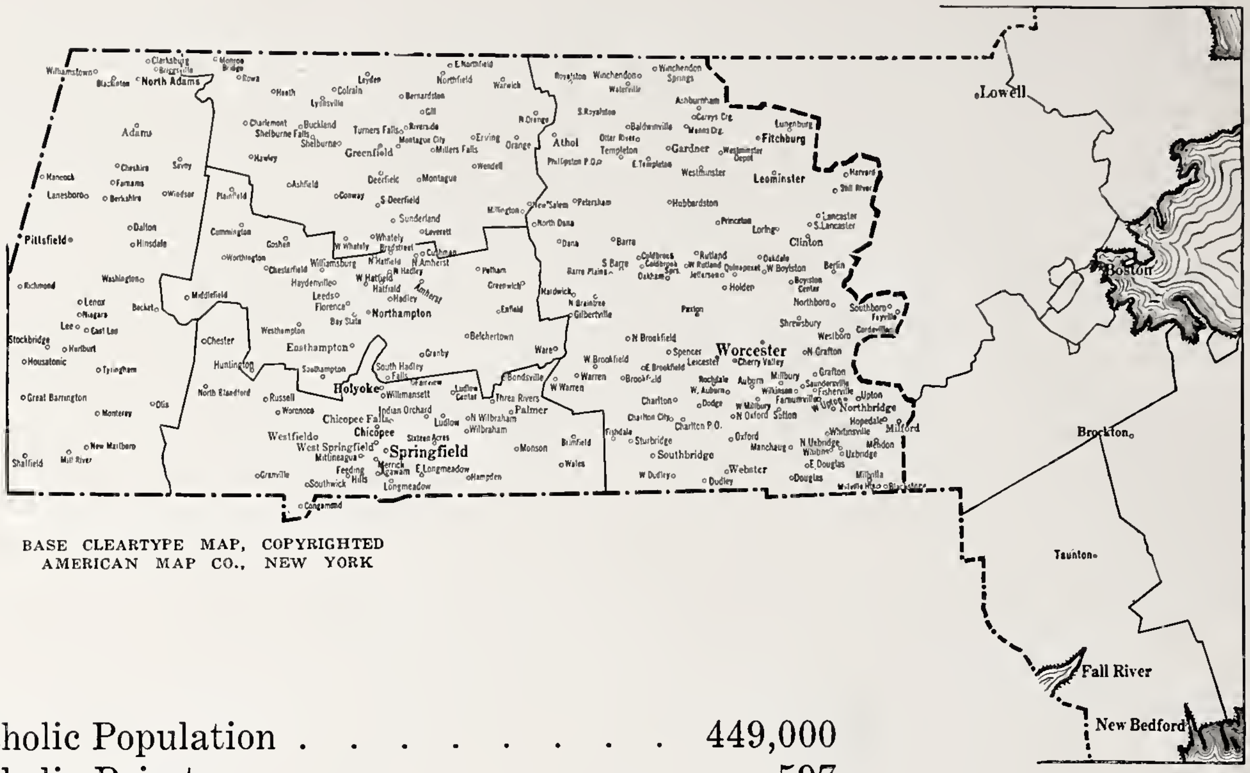
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Catholic Priests	597
Catholic Churches	230
Catholic Parishes with Schools	91
Catholic Grammar Schools	90
Catholic Seminaries, Colleges, High Schools and Academies	28
Students in Catholic Schools	47,000
Catholic Hospitals	8
Catholic Charitable Institutions	14
Catholic Churches with Resident Priest	203
Orphan Asylums	5
Orphans	530
Total Young People Under Catholic Care	47,530
Homes for Aged Poor	5
Inmates	333

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Catholicity's Pioneers

Though we follow the tercentenary celebration of our state by calling attention to the centenary of Catholicity in the territory which comprises our diocese, we do not wish to leave the impression that Catholicity here or hereabouts goes back only one hundred years. The Irish monks who, in the sixth century, founded bishoprics in Iceland, and, later on, moved to some greater Ireland on the mainland, to make way for Norwegian newcomers, may have visited what we know as New England. Later, to the north of us and in the present State of Maine, the intrepidity of the Catholic missionary, recalled by the current canonization of the Jesuit martyrs, began a glorious chapter of Catholic activity and heroism in our land, even before the Indians near Plymouth and Boston listened to the missionary of the Puritan or the Pilgrim. When the Catholic Acadians were driven into that exile whose pathos our own Longfellow has immortalized in his beautiful poem, *Evangeline,* one group of them settled in Worcester, the first Catholics of whom we have any record in the "Heart of the Commonwealth."

At the close of the Revolutionary War, Catholics in Massachusetts were not numerous. In colonial days, their presence was proscribed. The twenty-five or thirty Irish families, with a handful of French and Spanish residents in and near Boston, were the sole representatives of our Church in a commonwealth which, at present, is nearly, if not fully, fifty per cent Catholic. There is no more arresting phenomenon in the post-revolutionary era in our state than the rapid multiplication of Catholic flocks and the advance of their members in wealth, social position and political prominence.

This marvellous growth dates back a little over one hundred years. The first large influx of Catholics was composed of hundreds of Irish laborers, who came to work on the Blackstone Canal and the Great Western Railroad, then in process of construction across our state. They settled at Worcester and Blackstone and in the valley towns, along the line of railroad as it moved west to Springfield and Westfield and the Berkshires. Such indefatigable pioneers as Fathers Fitton, Brady and Cavanagh ministered to their spiritual needs, and built the first humble houses of worship in our diocese. Father Fitton, first pastor of old St. John's, the first parish within the present limits of our diocese, covered Worcester County and was a church builder par excellence. Father Brady, from his home parish in Hartford, covered the Connecticut Valley, while Father Cavanagh pursued his ministry among the scattered groups in Berkshire.

Others soon came to lend needed assistance. Father Gibson and Father Boyce, the "Paul Peppergrass" of literary fame, did yeoman service in furthering and continuing Father Fitton's efforts in the eastern county, while Father Blenkinsop and Father Healy, later vicar general of the diocese, labored in the Springfield sector, and Fathers Cuddihy and Moran covered the Berkshire district. "On foot and on horseback, on handcar and train," these sturdy warriors of the cross and their co-laborers followed the Catholic workmen along the Boston and Albany, the Fitch-

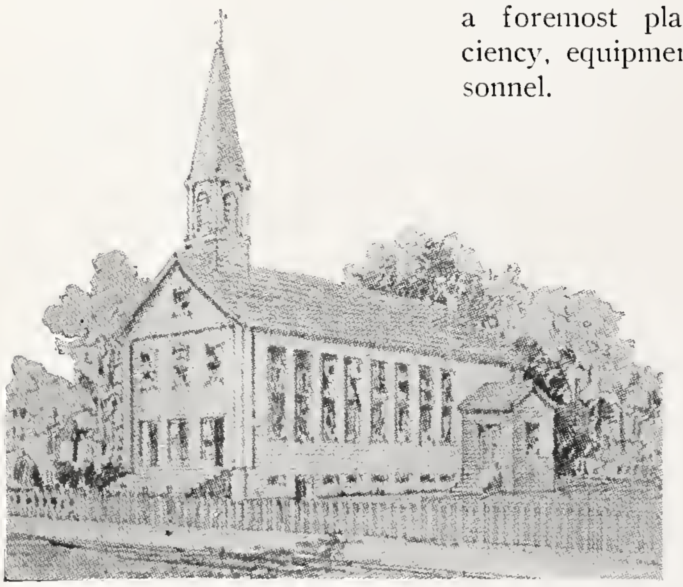
Christ Church, Worcester, later known as St. John's Institute, the first Catholic church in Worcester and Western Massachusetts. The structure has been demolished.

burg, and Boston and Maine railroads, that the Master's flock, small and scattered, might not be neglected.

The early priests realized the necessity of Catholic education. They opened Sunday schools and catechism classes everywhere. Day schools taught by lay teachers were opened at Worcester and Chicopee and Pittsfield. These, however, did not last, though they did valuable work in the early days. The first permanent school in our diocesan system, if we except Holy Cross, which opened as an academy in 1840, thanks to the generosity of Father Fitton in making a free gift of the land, was established at Holy Name, in Chicopee, in 1867, by the Notre Dame Sisters of Namur. St. Jerome's, of Holyoke, followed with a school for girls in 1868, and four years later, with our first parish school for boys, taught by lay teachers for four years and taken over by the Sisters of Providence.

From these beginnings, homes of Catholic education multiplied apace. Their steady growth and the progressive increase of pupils have now attained the superb proportions of a school system which cares for the education of nearly fifty thousand pupils, of whom nearly ten thousand are in our twenty-four Catholic high schools.

The former vicar general of the diocese, Rev. John J. Power, D. D., when pastor of St. Ann's Church in Worcester, brought the Sisters of Mercy to begin our hospital work, and they established Worcester's first public hospital. Later, when they transferred to St. Paul's Church, they relinquished their hospital labors for the equally meritorious task of caring for the orphans. The hospital work was soon taken up by the Sisters of Providence who, from their humble inception in South Hadley Falls, have covered our five counties with hospitals which occupy a foremost place in efficiency, equipment and personnel.



St. Benedict's Church, the first Catholic church in Springfield. It stood in Union Street.

Eighteen eighty-one saw the arrival of two more great teaching orders—the Sisters of St. Joseph for our English speaking schools, and the Sisters of St. Ann to instruct the pupils of our French speaking parishes. The former opened their first school in Chicopee Falls, the latter in Notre Dame parish, of Worcester. In 1886, the Presentation Nuns, foundation of Nano Nagle, opened schools in St. Bernard's, Fitchburg. The Sisters of the Presentation of Mary arrived at Holyoke in 1891, and the Sisters of the Assumption opened Notre Dame's schools in Southbridge the same year. The Felician Sisters became the pioneers among our Polish teachers in St. Joseph's Parish, Webster, in 1892. The Sisters of the Holy Cross, the Faithful Companions, Sisters of St. Joseph of Chambéry, France, the Xaverian Brothers, all were here before 1900, so rapidly did parish institutions of learning multiply, and so eager were our pastors and people for the blessings of a Catholic education.

OUR diocese has known the beneficent and inspiring leadership of three great bishops, since Springfield was raised to the dignity of a separate see, in 1870. Bishop O'Reilly was chief shepherd of our Springfield flock for twenty-two years, when he was succeeded by the late Bishop Beaven, who presided over Springfield's spiritual destinies until 1920—a progressive and resplendent reign of twenty-eight years. His successor is Bishop O'Leary, still at the helm of our spiritual bark, and building broad and deep the foundations of our increasing activity along spiritual, charitable, educational and religious lines. Springfield has been blessed in her chief pastors, whose combined reigns cover a period of well over a half century, and Bishop O'Leary's reign is, we hope, still in its infancy.

Twice Bishop O'Leary has presented a report of his stewardship to the Holy Father at Rome. Each time he has been warmly praised for the splendid works of our diocese under his masterful guidance. Each time an unusually large number of honors have come to his priests on his recommendations. Twelve of our priests raised to the dignity of domestic prelates within a decade attest eloquently, in the eloquence of actions that speak louder than words, how highly Pope Pius XI, whose vision embraces all the dioceses of the world, appreciates the onward strides of Springfield under the present energetic shepherd.

Beyond the Tiber gleams a dome
Across the hilltops seven;
It reaches o'er the world from Rome,
And leads the world to heaven.

FATHER ABRAM RYAN.

Yours respectfully,

+ P. T. O'Reilly

RIGHT REVEREND

Patrick Thomas O'Reilly

First Bishop of Springfield

Born, December 24, 1833
Ordained Priest, August 15, 1857
Consecrated Bishop, September 25, 1870
Died, May 28, 1892

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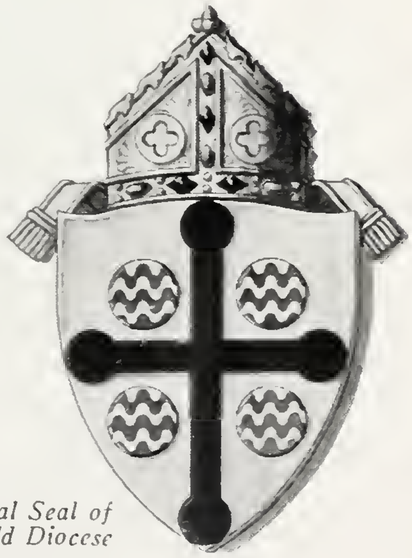
When Springfield was cut off as a separate see from Boston, in 1870, Pope Pius IX designated the then pastor of St. John's, Worcester, Rev. Patrick T. O'Reilly, as its first bishop. Only a few years before, Springfield Catholics had suspected that Father Gallagher, "the little man," as they affectionately called him, had taken leave of his senses when he built the present cathedral on State Street, far from the centre of the Catholic population on Water and Ferry Streets. Today he looms as a man of real vision. The beautiful cathedral grounds and the church which has seen service for over sixty years are a lasting monument to the foresight and energy of this watcher on Israel's towers. His parish church, the first parish church in New England to be consecrated, became Bishop O'Reilly's cathedral church and the centre of our new diocesan life. The great diocese of which Father Gallagher never saw the beginning, except in vision, has been the beneficiary of his courage, and his parish church has been our cathedral for threescore years.

With the elevation of Springfield to an episcopal see, and the immediate supervision and encouragement of a zealous shepherd, the priests of the diocese, whom Bishop O'Reilly loved to call "the best in the world," redoubled their efforts. His reign, like the early history of any great undertaking, had the tinge of romance about it. As though by magic, new church steeples appeared amid the hills of Berkshire, along the shores of the Connecticut and from beyond Wachusett's towering peak to the Rhode Island state line, in Worcester. He dedicated forty-one churches, laid the cornerstones of our first asylums of charity for the sick and invalid, confirmed the striking total of 77,000, and withal captured the lasting affection of priests and people. The old folks, who remember him, speak of his quiet but convincing eloquence, his constant affability and kindness, his abiding trust in God that, to every cloud, gave a silver lining.



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+Thos. D. Beaven
Bp. of Spg'd

RIGHT REVEREND

Thomas Daniel Beaven

Second Bishop of Springfield

Born, March 1, 1851
Ordained Priest, December 18, 1875
Consecrated Bishop, October 18, 1892
Died, October 5, 1920

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On the death of Bishop O'Reilly, in 1892, filled with good works and regretted by all, Rev. Thomas D. Beaven, pastor of the Holy Rosary Church, in Holyoke, was designated by the late Pope Leo XIII as his successor. The consecration took place on October 18 of 1892, and began an episcopal reign which outlasted even the generous years of its predecessor. Bishop Beaven was chief shepherd of our diocese for almost twenty-eight years, being called to his last account in the very month of his consecration, October 5, twenty-eight years after his selection. He died, as he would have wished, "in the harness." He was actually about to step into his waiting car to be carried to St. Francis', North Adams, where a large confirmation class awaited him, when a premonition of his approaching end caused him to cancel the trip. The following day he met the last call as he met every call of duty—quietly, piously, bravely, and the diocese which had known his able leadership for twenty-eight years was stunned at the suddenness of the end.

Under Bishop Beaven the works begun by our pioneer bishop were carried on zealously and persistently. Missions became parishes, our diocese was blessed with so many priestly vocations that he was able to assist less fortunate neighbors by allowing many of our priests to serve elsewhere for a time; schools and school populations increased apace, and Springfield's fame as a model diocese was well established.

As a reminder of Bishop Beaven's generosity, we have the Beaven-Kelly home for the aged, erected in memory of his father and mother, whose names it bears. Every institution in the diocese was the recipient of his personal bounties. During his time as bishop, he celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of his elevation to the priesthood, and on that occasion accepted no personal gifts. He asked, however, for the Holy Communions of his people, who responded in hundreds of thousands at the altar rail. He asked help for our diocesan institutions, which carried the heavy burden of relieving the needy and the suffering, and they felt the power of his appeal as well as the sincerity of words which he followed by his own generous example. Our hospitals and asylums, as their financial burdens were lifted or lightened, received a new lease of hope and courage to carry on their God-like works.

Official Seal of
Rt. Rev. Thomas Daniel Beaven

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RIGHT REVEREND

Thomas Mary O'Leary

Present Bishop of Springfield

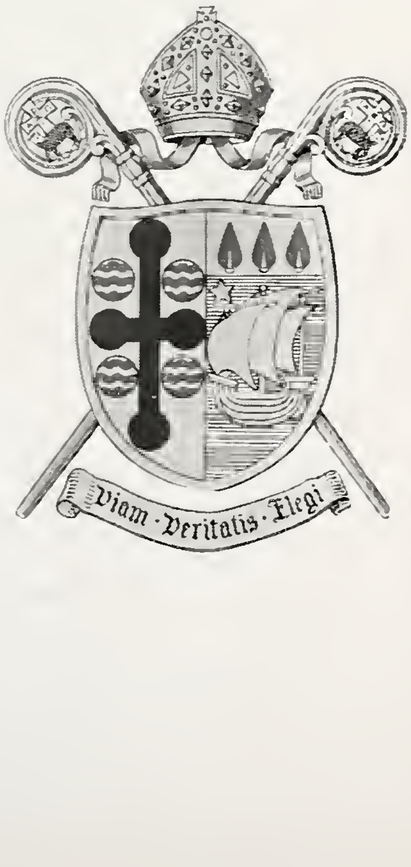
BORN, August 16, 1875
ORDAINED PRIEST, December 18, 1897
CONSECRATED BISHOP, September 8, 1921

THE fall of 1921, on the feast of Our Lady's Nativity, Rt. Rev. Thomas M. O'Leary, D.D., was consecrated to succeed Bishop Beaven, and consequently the centenary of Catholicity in western Massachusetts all but coincides with a completion of his first decade as head of our diocese. A graduate of the Jesuit College of Mungret, in Ireland, and the Grand Seminary, conducted by the Sulpician Fathers at Montreal, theological Alma Mater of half the priests in our diocese, Bishop O'Leary had served as chancellor, rector of a cathedral and parish priest before Benedict XV designated him as admirably fitted by natural gifts and rich experience to guide the spiritual destinies of this great and growing corner of the Master's vineyard.

Bishop O'Leary's ten years in command of Springfield's spiritual forces have already left the deep and lasting stamp of his fine abilities and tireless energies on our diocesan institutions. An eloquent and earnest speaker, he has been indefatigable in advocating in his public utterances civic righteousness as well as moral probity. His fearless utterances in behalf of Catholic education, the Catholic press and Catholic moral principles have found an approving echo far beyond the confines of his diocese. Kindly, affable, approachable, he has won the hearts and confidence of his priests, whose best efforts are being given to one quick to praise, generous to approve, and wise and willing to advise.

Alert to see the needs of the diocese and fearless in meeting an emergency, Bishop O'Leary has already carried more than one forbidding financial undertaking to a successful issue. He has the absolute trust in God which characterizes the great churchman, and acts on the sound principle of faith that, where the need is obvious, God will not fail those who have the courage of His convictions. Our two largest hospitals, St. Vincent's in Worcester and the Mercy in Springfield, would today be turning away hundreds of patients were it not for the provident foresight of Bishop O'Leary, who built, not merely for the present, but for the future. The additions to St. Luke's in Pittsfield and the Farren, at Montague, and the new Mother House at Brightside, present a hospital development undreamed of ten years ago. Such an expansion, as a work of half a century, would have appeared utopian. Yet it is an accomplished program, and the great Mother House at Brightside is now raising its sturdy walls.

Our schools, too, have felt the thrill of a new life in the last decade. While fully cognizant of the absolute necessity of our public school system, and giving its full meed of praise for the good work it has accomplished, Bishop O'Leary



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has been emphatic in vindicating the right of the parent to choose the educational system of his children, and entrust their training, if his conscience so dictates, to a religious classroom. He has repeatedly presented the rights of his religious schools, as recognized by the Supreme Court, in its Oregon decision, and he has done so in no apologetic vein. The religious school, he has repeatedly pointed out, is the traditional school of America, not an interloper, and has no apologies to offer for the superb work it has done in all the Christian ages, work which it did alone down to and including our Colonial era, and for fifty years after. The religious school was the pioneer educator in all Christian ages, the only school of colonial America.

If the observance of the tercentenary in 1930 had an educational feature (and it certainly had, for the educational tradition has flourished in New England as nowhere else in the United States), the school to be glorified in the observance is the religious school, which alone goes back to Plymouth Rock and Massachusetts Bay. Bishop O'Leary has, times without number, given unstinting praise to the Catholic parents whose generosity has made our splendid schools possible, and to our Catholic teachers, whose life-sacrifice and devotion to God's little ones have perpetuated Catholic education. At times, our schools deplore their lack of endowment. They enjoy the greatest of all endowments: the unfailing support of Catholic people and the offering of the teachers' lives upon the altar of education.

Naturally, under such a champion of the Catholic school, the last ten years have inaugurated a new golden era of Catholic education. Buildings that have exhausted their usefulness have been replaced by model modern structures, new schools have sprung up from Greylock to Blackstone, and, no matter how the buildings increase in number, they are filled as soon as opened. The public utterances of the Bishop and the spread of the message from Catholic pulpits everywhere have carried the need of religious and moral training to every parent in our far-flung lines. The need of Catholic education was never more deeply appreciated; its value and importance are universally admitted; the Catholic parent who receives the claims of the Catholic school with a dubious shake of the head has all but disappeared from our midst. Experience is daily confirming the teaching of the Church that the hope of the future is the religious training of the children. Tomorrow is in the hands of the Catholic school. For ten years Bishop O'Leary has preached that gospel, in season and out of season, at the cornerstone laying of a new school, at the commencement exercises of our high schools, which he loves to attend, whenever the increasing demands of an expanding diocese allow him to follow his dearest inclinations, and be with the youth of his flock on their graduation day. They do not love to receive their graduation honors from his consecrated hands any more than he loves to confer them.

One serious defect marked our educational system, ten years ago. Our girls had to go elsewhere to receive their college degrees. That was quickly removed. The splendid liberal arts building now nearing completion on the campus at Chicopee, and O'Leary Hall, the finely appointed students' dormitory, have opened the portals of Catholic education to our young ladies seeking baccalaureate honors. All that Holy Cross, for nearly a century, has done for our boys, Our Lady of the Elms is now preparing to do for our girls. Already, freshman and sophomore classes have completed their courses. In September the sophomores advanced to the studies of the junior year, and, in 1932, Our Lady of the Elms will present baccalaureate honors to its first graduates.

Now that our diocese has triumphantly passed the "brick and mortar" stage, Bishop O'Leary quickly sensed the fact that we should help transmit to others the Faith that God-fearing ancestors handed down to us. Hence he established the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, and gave its organizers a clear field for three years, that Springfield might contribute its full quota to the field afar, and Springfield, in three short years, has made a name for itself by its generous support of the mission cause.

That no aspect of spiritual life might be omitted or neglected, Bishop O'Leary invited the Passionist Fathers to specialize in laymen's retreats and brought the Dominican Sisters to establish perpetual adoration of Christ, the King. Thus the "sixty golden hours" of the week end for laymen, and twenty-four golden hours of Eucharistic vigils, every day of the revolving year, have become realities, and are bringing new blessings to our Catholic flock.

Ordination of Class of 1930 by Rt. Rev. Thomas M. O'Leary, D.D., on Trinity Saturday, in St. Michael's Cathedral. This class of twenty-four candidates was the largest in the history of our diocese. In all, Bishop O'Leary has ordained 141 to the priesthood. This wealth of vocations to the priesthood is paralleled by religious vocations, for, in the same time, Bishop O'Leary has conferred the habit on 462 new members of our diocesan orders of Sisters.

SECTION II

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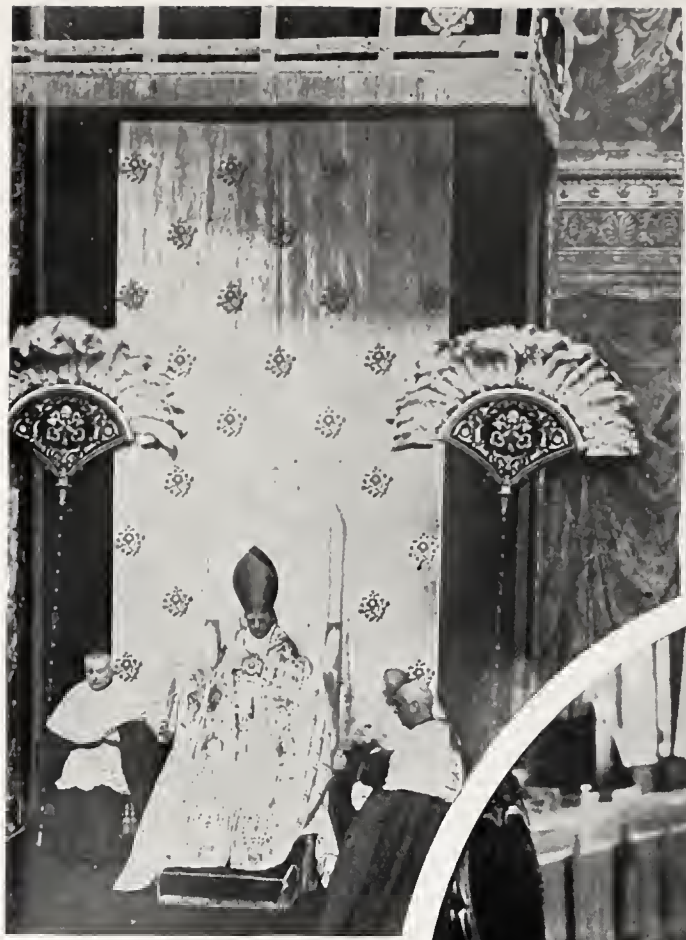

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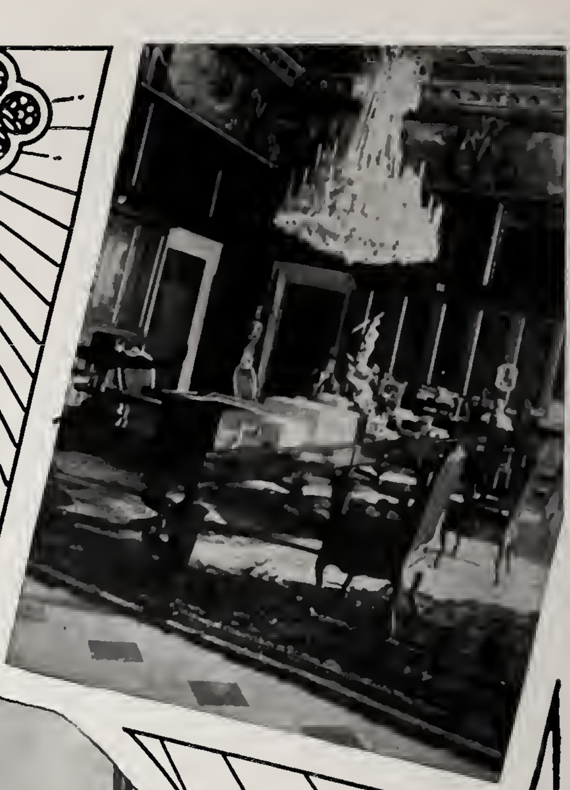

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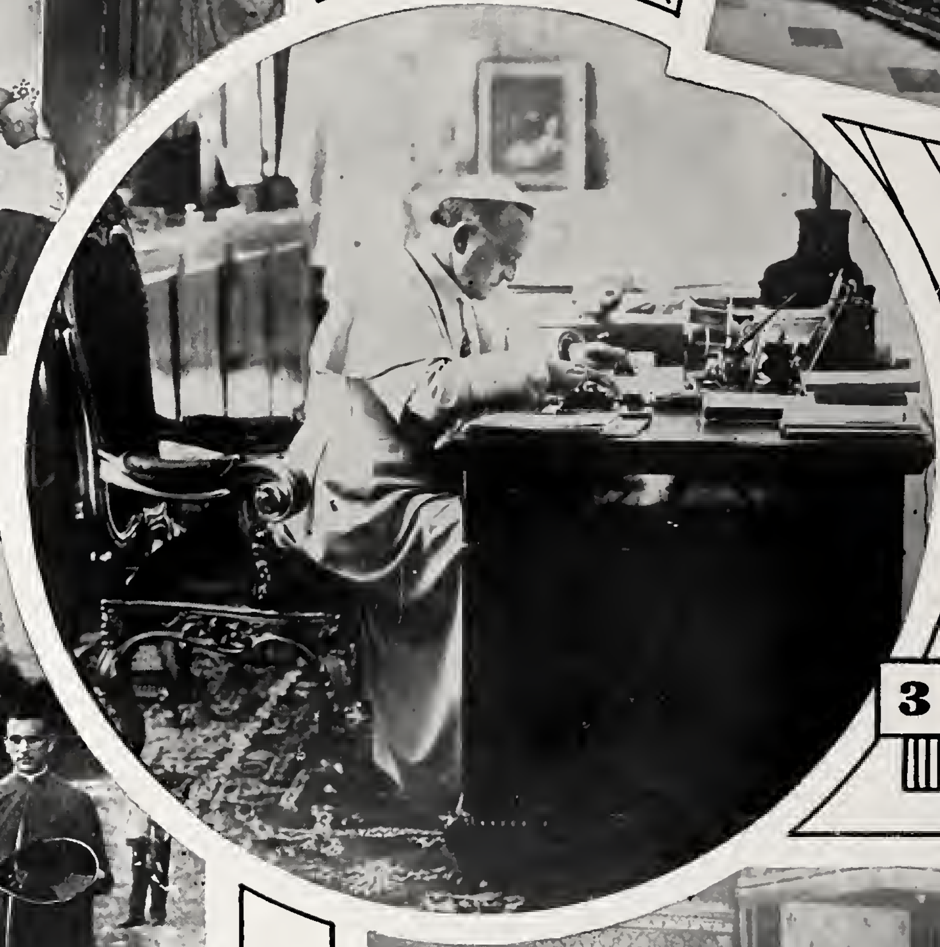

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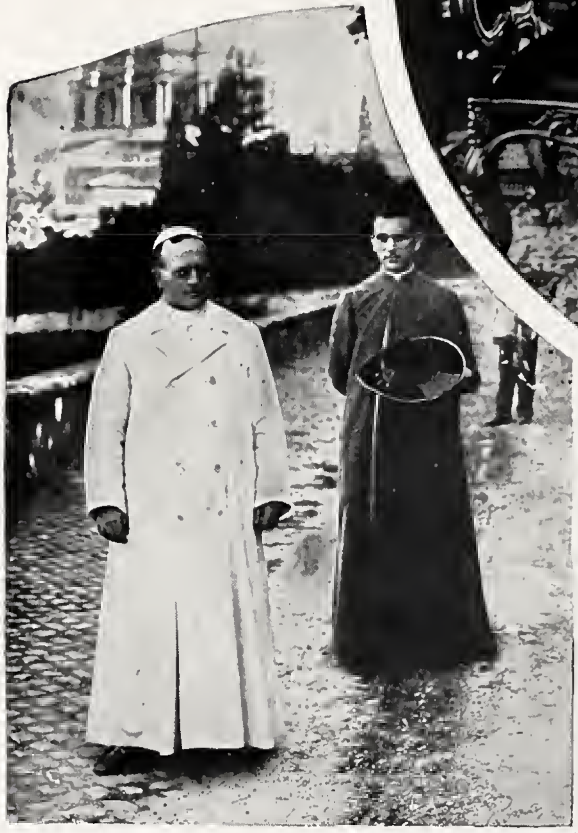

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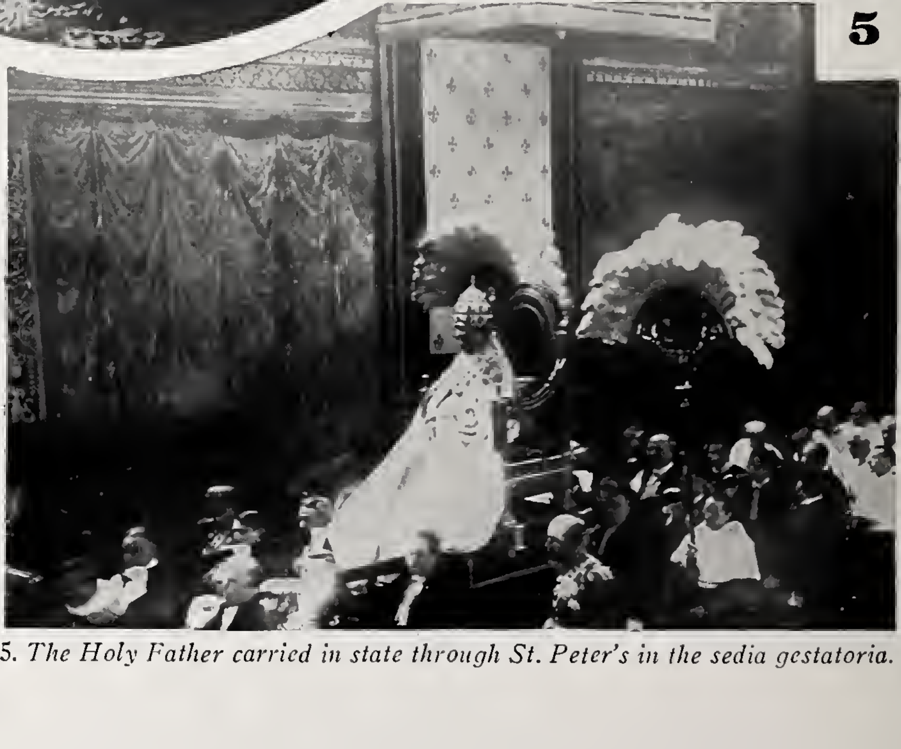

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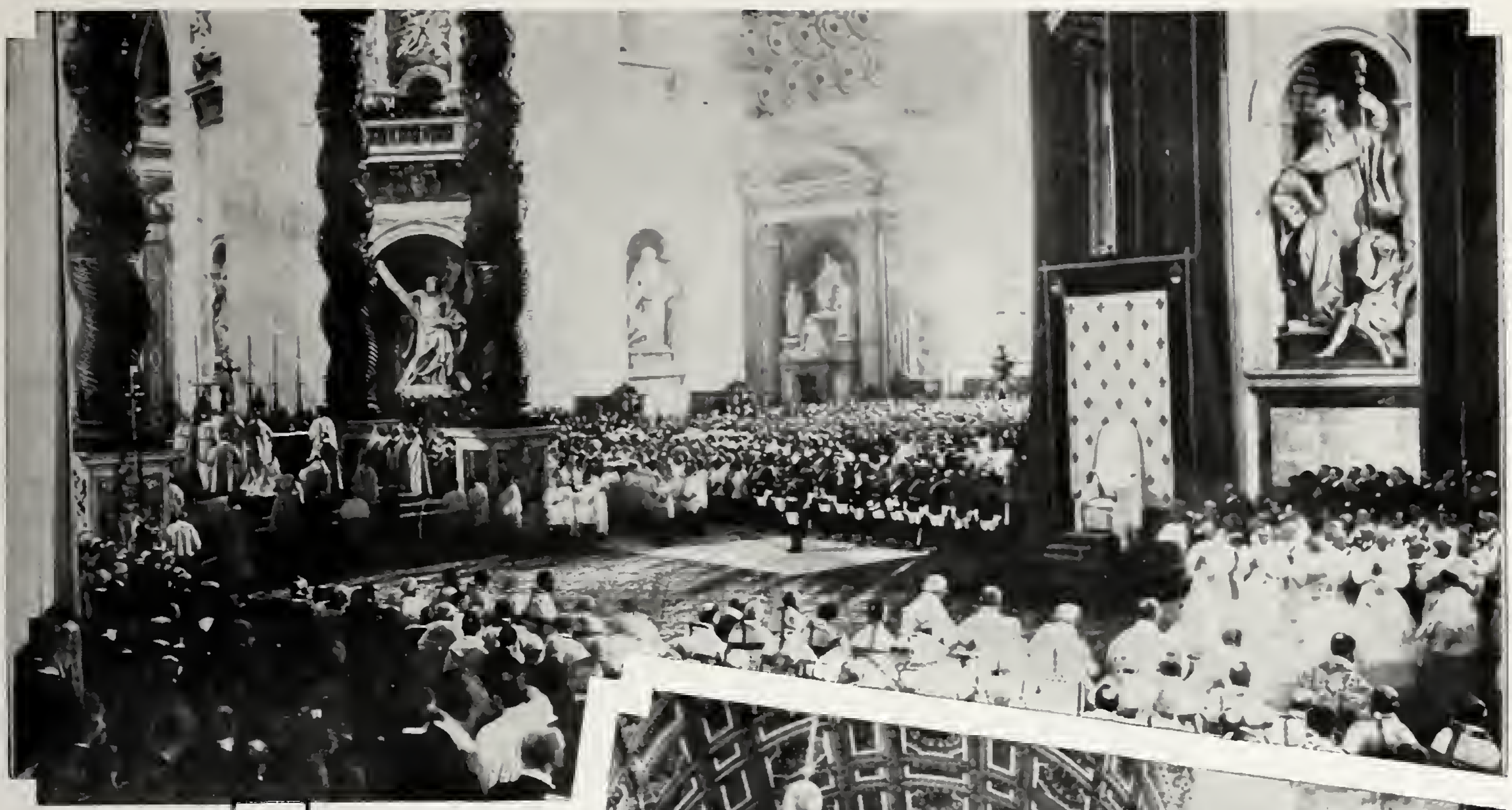

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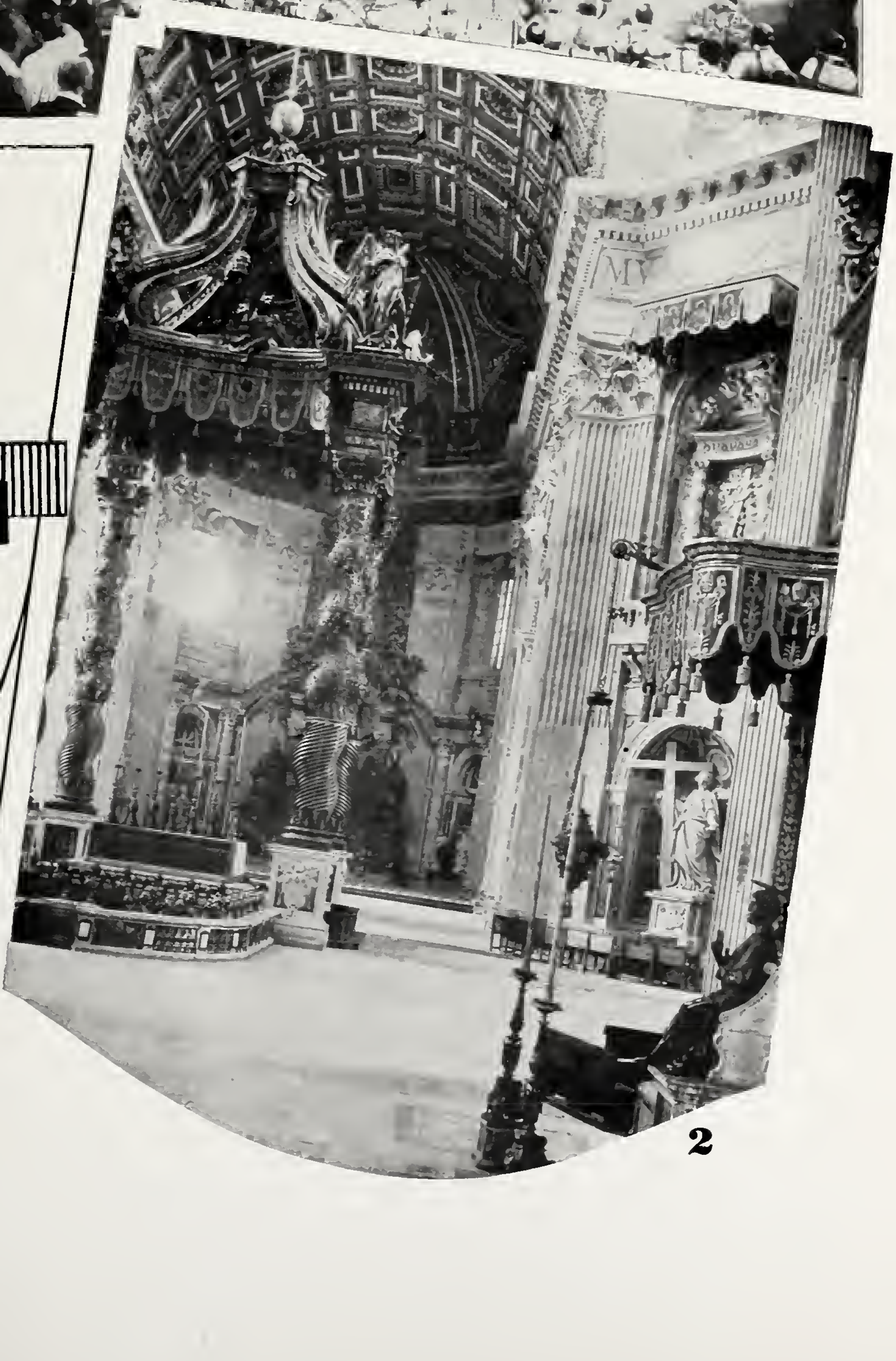

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1. *Glimpse of sanctuary in St. Peter's Basilica, Rome, during pontifical high Mass.*

2. *The majestic main altar of St. Peter's Basilica. It stands over the crypt in which rests St. Peter, the first Pope.*

Photo by Felici

Our Vicars General

The vicar general is a priest designated by the Right Reverend Bishop to assist him in ordinary jurisdiction of his diocese. He is ordinarily a high ecclesiastic, deeply versed in theology and canon law, and a man of sound judgment and prudent action.

The first vicar general of our diocese was Rev. Patrick Healy, of Chicopee, one of the stalwarts of our early days. After founding the parish of St. William (now All Saints), in Ware, he was promoted to the Holy Name pastorate, in Chicopee, where he remained for twenty-five years, and in his early days extended his parochial jurisdiction as far as Indian Orchard on the one side and South Hadley on the other. He was the pioneer of religious education in our diocese, bringing teaching sisters and brothers to care for the children of Holy Name. He left the entire parish group cleared of all debt, a fact which he announced in a pathetic farewell to his people.

Our second vicar general was Rev. John J. Power, founder of the Worcester parishes—St. Ann's and St. Paul's. He brought the first sisters to our diocese, the Sisters of Mercy. A man of vision, he erected the lovely granite edifice of St. Paul's—still queen of Worcester's churches after a lapse of sixty years. Public spirited citizen, he served for years on Worcester's Library Commission and School Board, and his influence was always a power for good. After nearly thirty years in St. Paul's, he left the property free of debt, and a parish spirit which loves the beauties alike of Catholic truth and Catholic art.

Both the above were appointees of Bishop O'Reilly. Our third vicar general, Rt. Rev. Msgr. John T. Madden, appointed by the late Bishop Beaven, was pastor of Stockbridge, Warren and old St. Louis' parish, in Webster, rector of the Cathedral, and finally pastor of St. Jerome's, in Holyoke. A scholarly man, with a passion for method and exactness, he organized his parochial charges thoroughly and well, and left the impress of an orderly mind and rational regulations wherever he labored. He was the administrator of our diocese after Bishop Beaven's death, and was honored by Bishop O'Leary with a reappointment as vicar general.

On the death of Monsignor Madden, Bishop O'Leary, amid general approval, designated as his new vicar general Rt. Rev. Msgr. Bernard S. Conaty, pastor of St. Joseph's Parish, in Pittsfield. Monsignor Conaty had previously served as rector of St. Michael's Cathedral and pastor of Sacred Heart, in Worcester, where he succeeded his nationally famous brother, the late Bishop of Los Angeles. A man of deep, unaffected piety, tireless in the service of souls, glorying alike in the multiplication of frequent Communions, to bring the people to their Eucharistic God and in the multiplication of parishes to bring the Church to the people, Monsignor Conaty has won the affection and confidence of priests and people alike, and all hope that the inspiration of his kindly presence and gentle guidance will long bless our diocese. Throughout his life he has been trusted adviser of his religious superiors, and the trusted holder of many a civic position. At Worcester, he rendered valuable service to the cause of truth by his long membership on the Library Commission. Enthusiastic in teaching his people to appreciate the better things of life, he was a valued guide along practical lines, and many a professional man or woman thanks him for the encouragement which was the initial impulse to a successful career. A lifelong and consistent advocate of total abstinence, Monsignor Conaty has just reminded us that this holy cause is not dead by sponsoring the national convention at Pittsfield. A firm, conscientious defender of Catholic education and its imperative necessity, Monsignor Conaty spares no effort or expense to maintain in his central Catholic high school a scholarship standard to which all may look up. Plans for a new Catholic central high school in Pittsfield have already been adopted. Under his enthusiastic leadership, St. Luke's great hospital has brought the blessings of its trained services to the Berkshires, and our western county has experienced a veritable revival of Catholic life in all its varied activities. On the warm recommendation of his Bishop, Father Conaty was raised to membership in the papal household.

Right Reverend Monsignor Bernard S. Conaty, P. A., LL. D.

VICAR GENERAL DIOCESE OF SPRINGFIELD
PERMANENT RECTOR OF ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH, PITTSFIELD

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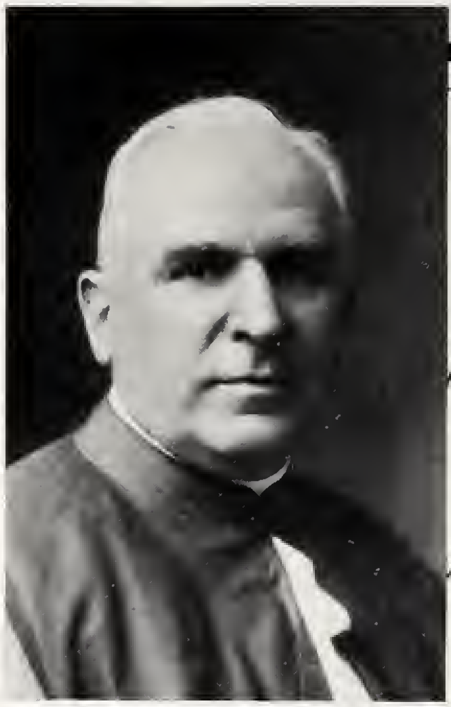

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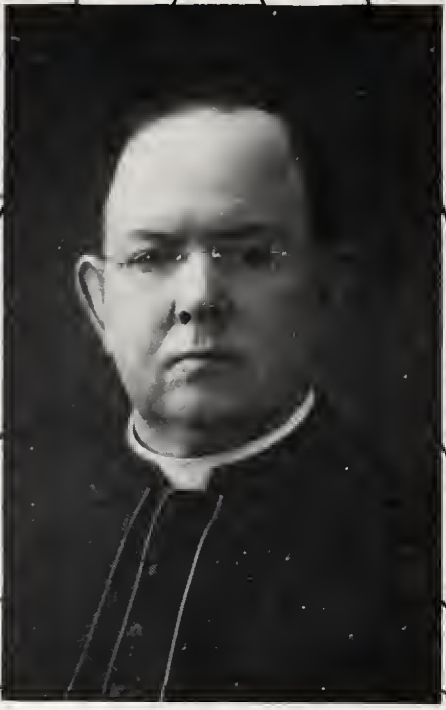

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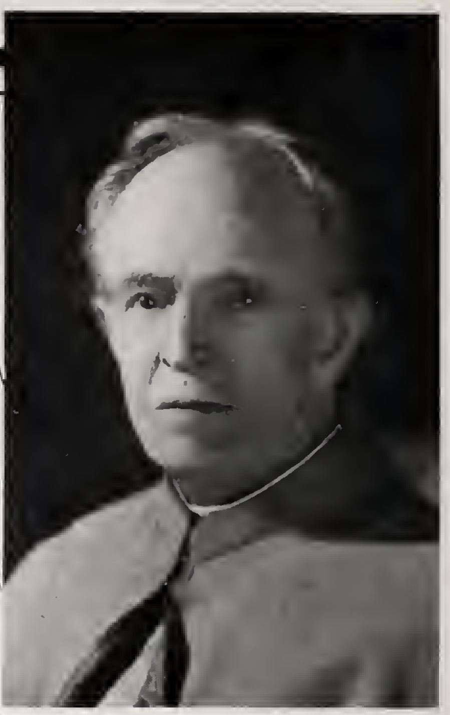

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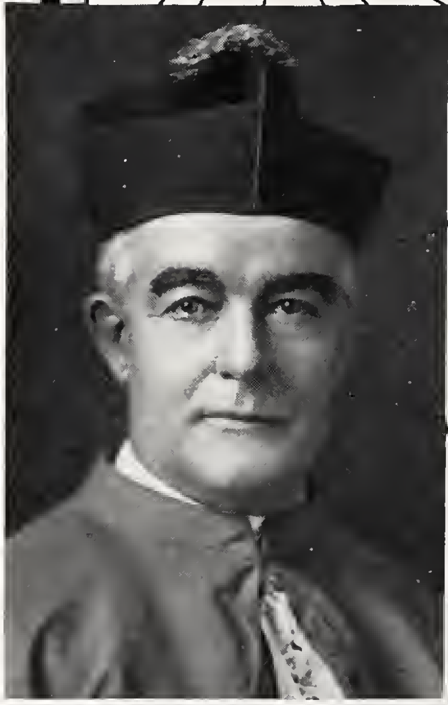

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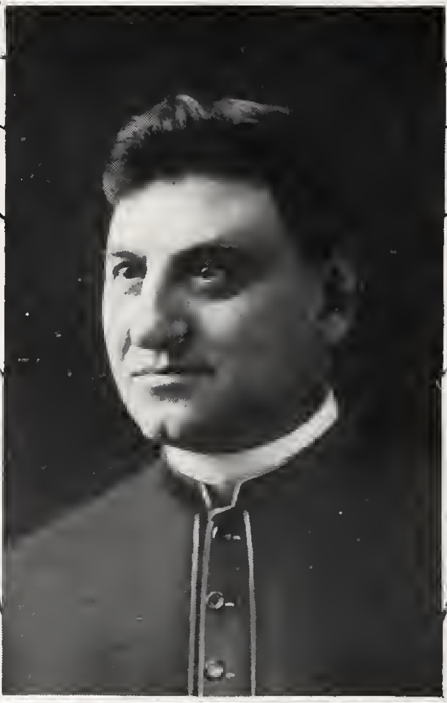

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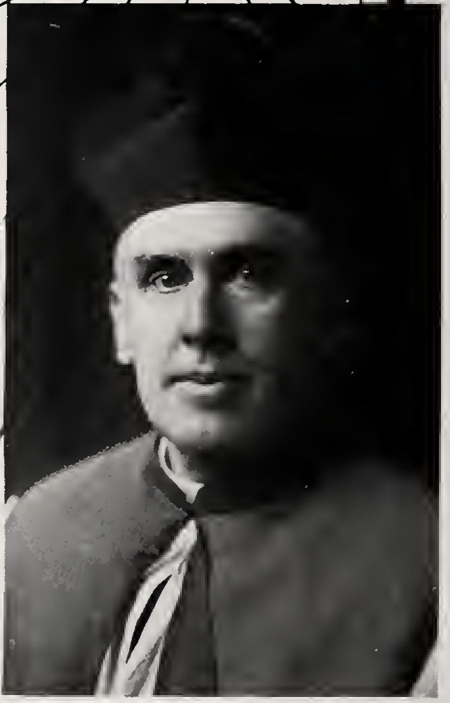

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Group of Springfield Priests

Raised to Honors of the Purple on the occasion of Bishop O'Leary's First Visit to Rome in Nineteen Twenty-Five

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Rt. Rev. Msgr. L. O Triganne
SOUTHBRIDGE
Pastor Notre Dame Parish

Rt Rev. Msgr. C. A. Sullivan
SPRINGFIELD
Pastor Holy Family Parish

Rt. Rev. Msgr. J. J. Donnelly, P.R.
FITCHBURG
Pastor St. Bernard's Parish

Rt. Rev. Msgr. A. A. Cyran
WEBSTER
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Rt. Rev. Msgr. W. E. Foley, P.R.
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Our Chancellors

The Right Reverend Bishop's right hand in his communication with his diocese, and especially with the priests of his diocese, is the chancellor, keeper of diocesan records, custodian of its archives, and as a rule, secretary to the bishop. All official correspondence is transmitted through him, all permanent entries in diocesan records are made by him, all diocesan documents are entrusted to him.

In its sixty years of existence, our diocese has had but four chancellors. The first was Rt. Rev. Msgr. Thomas Griffin, pastor of St. John's Church, in Worcester, in which position he succeeded Bishop O'Reilly on the latter's elevation to the purple. For nearly thirty years thereafter the tireless Worcester pastor added the duties of chancellor to those of a parochial charge which at times included most of the city of Worcester and several missions beyond the city confines. Of course, the duties of chancellor were not as onerous then as they later became, but it speaks volumes for the energy of one of our busiest pastors that he performed the duties of chancellor for over a quarter of a century, in addition to the insistent demands of a growing city flock.

When Bishop Beaven decided that the duties of chancellor would demand most of the attention of one priest, he selected Rev. Edward S. Fitzgerald, who combined the rectorship of the Cathedral with his duties as chancellor. He remained in office during the early years of the present century, and, in appreciation of a difficult task well performed, was elevated to the purple on the recommendation of his bishop, after he became pastor of Holy Rosary in Holyoke. He did not live long to enjoy his new honor. Scarcely a month after his investiture this soul of kindliness, courtesy and efficiency had been called to his reward.

Monsignor Fitzgerald's successor in the office of chancellor was the late Rev. James F. Ahern, who acted in the dual capacity of chancellor and secretary to Bishop Beaven for nearly twenty years. In the closing years of Bishop Beaven's life, Father Ahern added the rectorship of the Cathedral to his other responsibilities, in which he made a notable record as administrator, and was continued in that post by Bishop O'Leary until death called him home four years ago. Father Ahern passed all his life in the priesthood, with the exception of one brief assignment as curate, in the Chancery. During his incumbency, the present building was acquired, more commodious quarters were provided, and fireproof vaults, in which to safeguard diocesan records, were installed. The closing years of his life were handicapped by ill-health, but he left a memory of the same efficiency, courtesy and kindliness which had characterized his predecessors.

For a time during the chancellorship of Father James Ahern, he had the assistance of the late Rev. John A. Quigley, who died at Worcester during the "flu" epidemic.

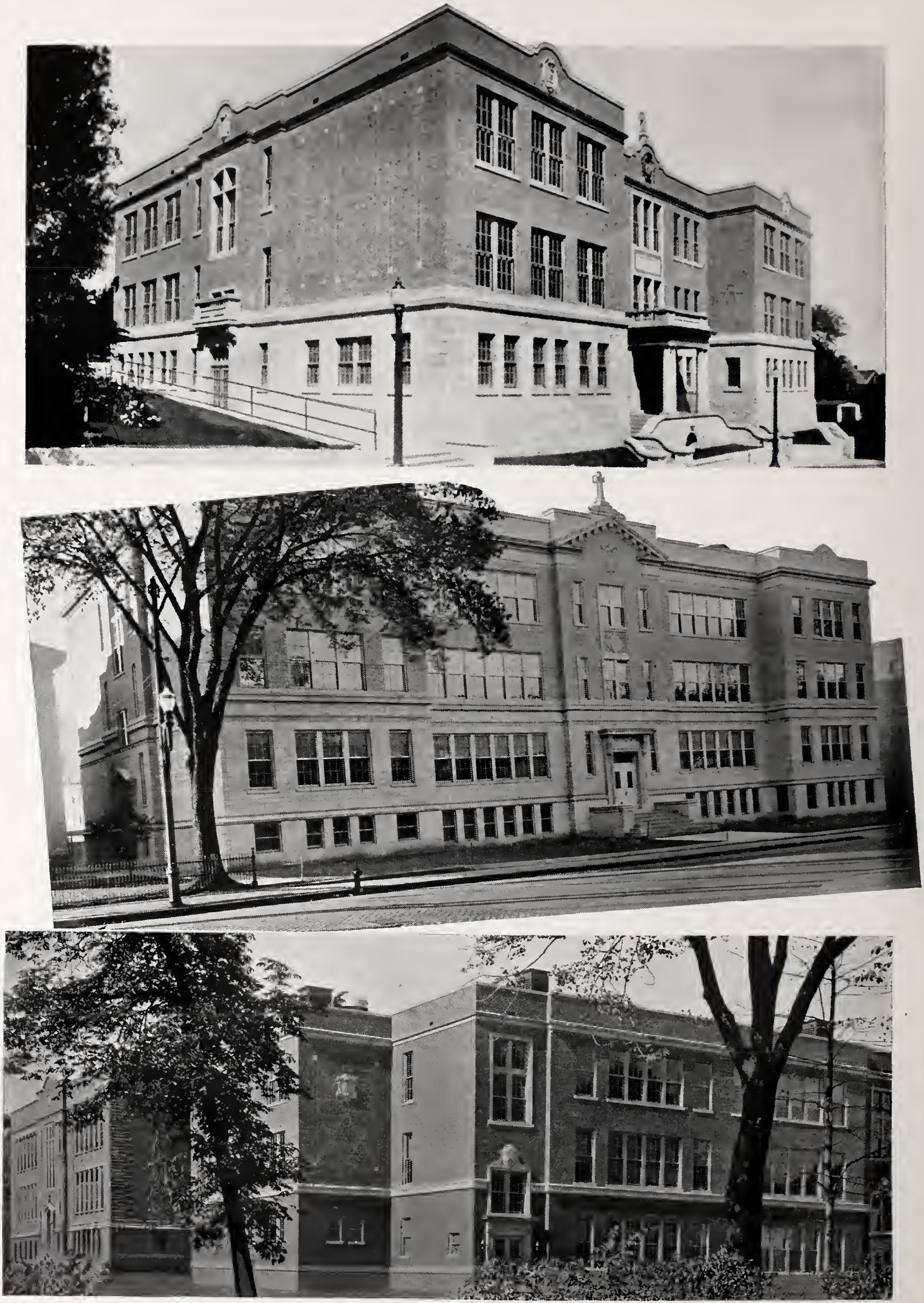
Father Ahern's successor, the present chancellor, is a namesake, Rev. Robert L. Ahern, J.C.D., who has already won the gratitude and good will of the priests to whom he acts as the Bishop's intermediary. He has shown himself obliging and efficient, prompt and thorough, and well-grounded in the Canon Law of the Church, the interpretation of which forms so large a part of his duty. After completing his theological studies at Montreal, Father Ahern pursued post graduate work for two years at Rome, where he gained the doctorate in Canon Law, before entering upon the duties of his new office. He is assisted by Rev. George A. Shea, D.D., Ph.D., Vice-Chancellor.

It is noticeable, therefore, that the Chancery work has expanded with the growth of our diocese. Where once it was an adjunct to parish work, it is now a distinct institution, and perhaps the busiest in our diocesan organization. Through it pass all applications for faculties and dispensations. In it are held the meetings of all diocesan boards. From it emanate the official pronouncements which carry the wishes of the Right Reverend Ordinary to the remotest corner of his extended jurisdiction.

Under the present Father Ahern, who also acts as the Bishop's secretary, our Chancery organization has maintained its tradition of high standards of efficiency, and this "clearing house" of diocesan matters runs with the smoothness of the best regulated business office.

Reverend Robert L. Ahern, J.C.D.

CHANCELLOR OF SPRINGFIELD DIOCESE AND SECRETARY TO RIGHT REVEREND BISHOP



John W. Donohue, Architect

TOP—*St. Bernard's High, Fitchburg, Rt. Rev. Msgr. J. J. Donnelly, P.R., Pastor.* CENTER—*St. Joseph's High, North Adams, Rev. E. P. Dunphy, D.D., P.R., Pastor.* BOTTOM—*St. Michael's High and Grade School Group, Northampton, Rev. Thomas F. Cummings, D.D., P.R., Pastor.*

Catholic Education

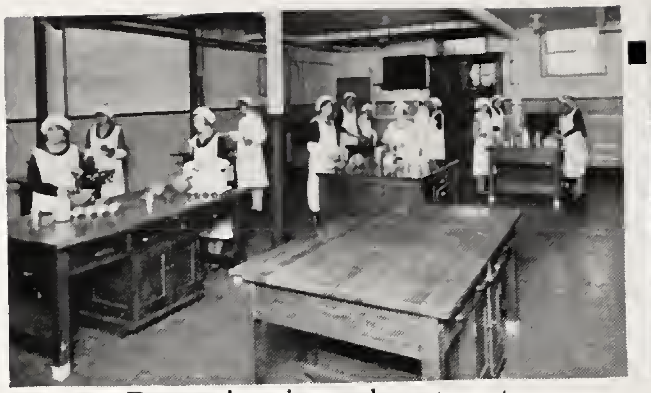
The first priests in our diocese all appreciated the value, not to say the necessity, of Catholic education. Father Fitton, in Worcester, Father Brady, in Chicopee, and Father Cavanagh, in Pittsfield, all opened schools under lay teachers, in 1840, 1842, and 1851, respectively. Each served its immediate purpose, but none proved permanent. Out of Father Fitton's academy grew the great Jesuit College of Holy Cross. The seed sowed at Chicopee, in 1842, took permanent root, in 1867, when Father Healy brought Mother Julie Billiart's daughters to the Holy Name Parish, and our first parish school under religious teachers came into being. These Sisters of Notre Dame, the very next year, opened a school at St. Jerome's, in Holyoke; then, in 1872, began the work of Christian education at St. John's in Worcester, and eight years later at St. Mary's, Milford.

In August, 1881, two new teaching orders reached our diocese, the Sisters of St. Joseph who on Aug. 22, 1883, became a diocesan order, and the Sisters of St. Ann, who opened schools in our French speaking centres. The former opened their first school at St. Patrick's, Chicopee Falls, in the pastorate of the late Father Stone. Today they have nearly thirty parish schools, are in charge of the major part of our high schools, conduct an academy and a college at Our Lady of the Elms, in Chicopee. Their Mother House and Novitiate are at the Cathedral, Springfield, while their summer home is at Mt. Marie, in Holyoke. Over five hundred Sisters are carrying on, in every corner of our diocese, the work begun so quietly at Chicopee Falls, in 1881.

THOUGH our French speaking schools have a larger variety of sisterhoods, the Sisters of St. Ann, who began their labors in Worcester in 1881, still have a larger number than any other single order doing French work. They conduct eleven parish schools and also give a commercial course of high school grade in one or two centres. In schools where Christian doctrine is taught in French, and knowledge of the French language is imparted, a work in which the Sisters of St. Ann were our pioneers, other orders have been called as our French Canadian parishes multiplied. The Sisters of the Presentation of Mary opened their first school in Perpetual Help Parish, Holyoke, in 1891. The Sisters of the Assumption, too, arrived in the diocese in 1891, and began their educational labors in Notre Dame Schools, Southbridge. In 1898 the Sisters of the Holy Cross began their labors in Holyoke, but changed to St. Joseph's Parish, in Springfield, where they remained permanently. The religious persecution in France sent to our diocese the Sisters of the Holy Ghost, who are now in charge of schools in six of our French speaking parishes. Later, the Faithful Companions came from France, to take charge of St. Joseph's Schools, in Fitchburg.

OTHER orders, too, came to the assistance of Notre Dame and St. Joseph's, to educate the children of our English speaking parishes, in which schools came to be regarded as so great a

Holy Name Science High School, Chicopee, Rt. Rev. Monsignor John F. Conlin, Pastor. The only high school building in Massachusetts devoted exclusively to science. Sisters of Notre Dame in charge.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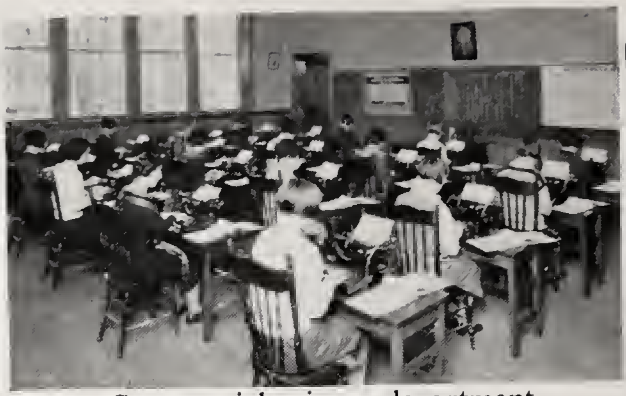
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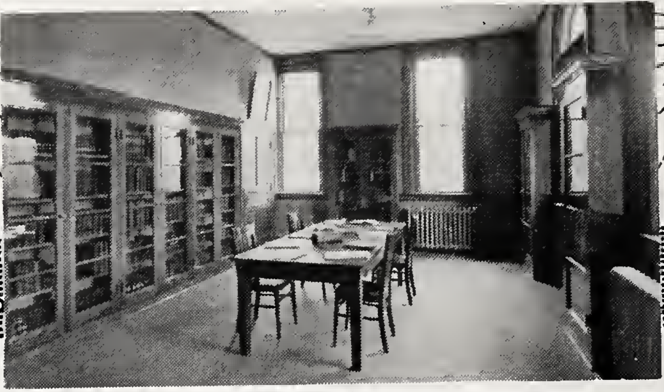
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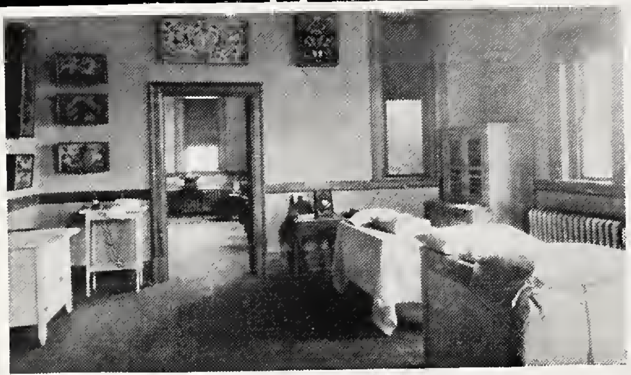
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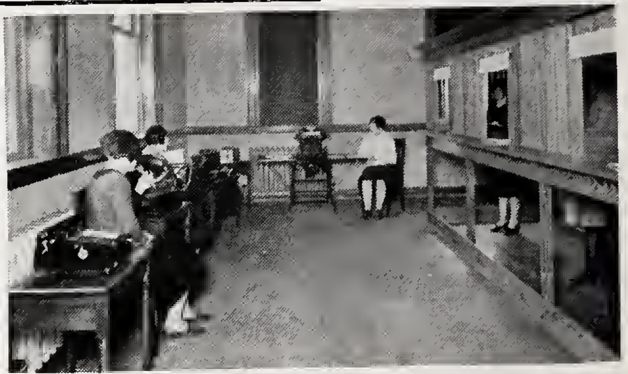
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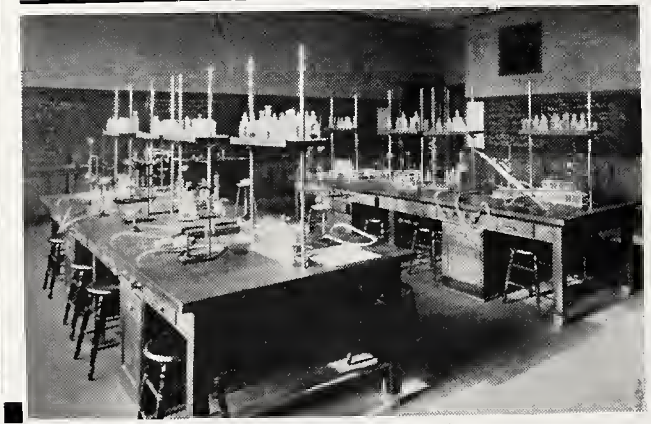
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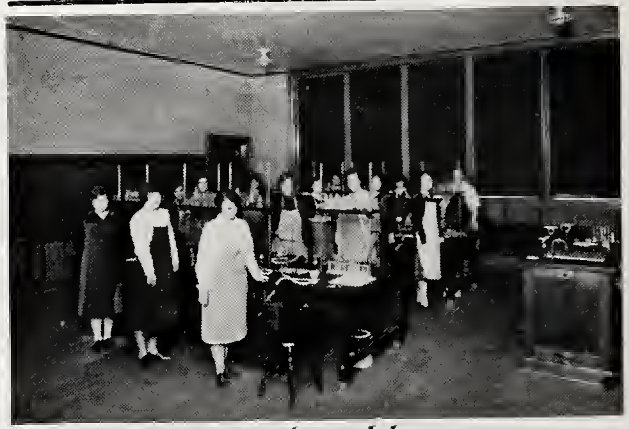

Domestic science laboratory

Interior views, showing class rooms and equipment, Holy Name Science High School, Chicopee.
Rt. Rev. Monsignor John F. Conlin, P.R., Pastor. Sisters of Notre Dame in charge

John W. Donohue, Architect

SAINT JEANNE D'ARC SCHOOL, ST. ROSE OF LIMA PARISH, ALDENVILLE
Rev. John B. Lamothe, Pastor. Sisters of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary in charge

necessity that in many cases the schools preceded the church. In 1886, the late Bishop Garrigan, then pastor of St. Bernard's, Fitchburg, called the daughters of Nano Nagle, the Irish Presentation Nuns, to the schools of St. Bernard's, where, in 1894, Father Feehan, the present Bishop of Fall River, built a Mother House and Novitiate. In 1888, the Sisters of Mercy, who were the first religious to arrive in our diocese, opened a school in North Brookfield, which was later transferred to the Sisters of St. Joseph. The Sisters of Mercy had come, in 1864, to St. Ann's, Worcester, not to teach, but to conduct a small hospital for the sick and needy.

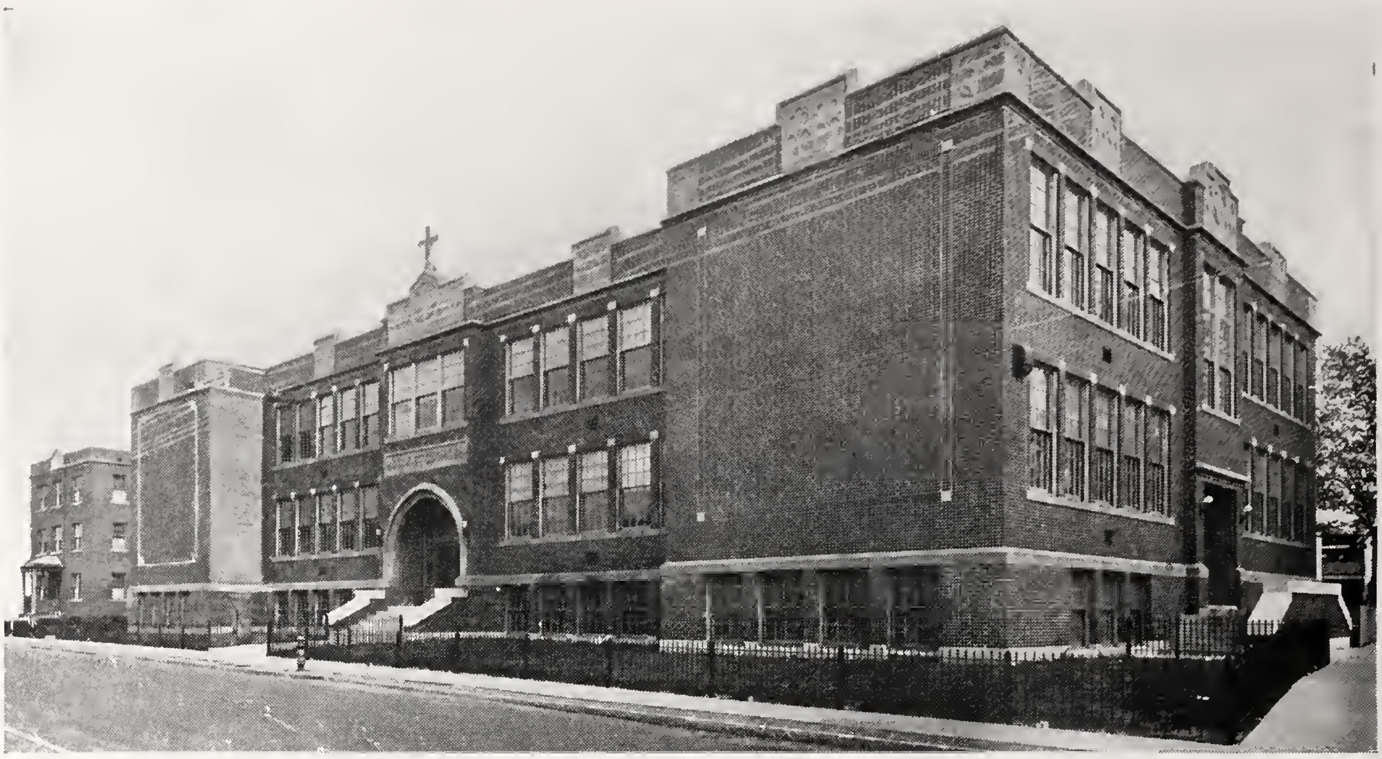
THE first school for boys, in our diocese, was opened at St. Jerome's, Holyoke, in 1872, under lay teachers, replaced, four years later, by the Sisters of Providence, who here conducted the only parish school they ever conducted in our diocese. They relinquished their task when the Sisters of St. Joseph came to take both girls and boys. The Sisters of Providence, however, maintain schools for the orphans at Mt. St. Vincent and Holy Family Institute, where the graduates of their grammar schools make an excellent showing in the annual diocesan tests.

An effort was early made by the diocesan authorities to have men teachers for the boys of the parish schools, owing to the fact that the Sisters of Notre Dame formerly taught the boys in the lower grammar grades only. The Christian Brothers took charge of a school for boys at Holy Name, Chicopee, in 1881, and at St. John's, Worcester, in 1888. In the latter, they were soon replaced by the Xaverian Brothers, who still conduct the large high school on Temple Street, while at Chicopee the Notre Dame Sisters ultimately kept the boys to the end of the grammar school course, and the Cathedral High School became central for the boys of the episcopal city and neighboring parishes.

OUR Polish schools, which today are among the largest in our diocese, though less numerous than the others, began with the coming of the Felician Sisters to Webster, in 1892,

The latest addition to Holy Name Parish School Buildings, Springfield. Rev. Thomas A. McGovern, Pastor. Sisters of St. Joseph in charge.

John W. Donohue, Architect



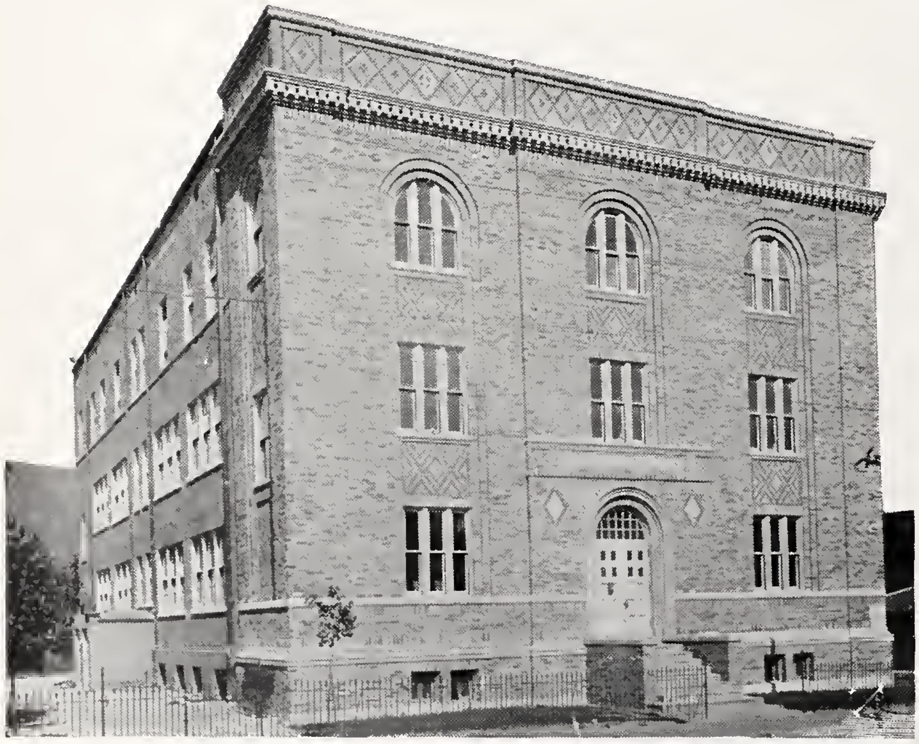
Geo. H. Fugere, Architect

St. George's School and Convent, Chicopee Falls
Rev. George H. Gagnon, Pastor. Sisters of the Assumption in charge.

where they established schools in St. Joseph's Parish. Other Polish teaching orders now doing work in the diocese are the Sisters of St. Francis, the Sisters of Nazareth, and the Sisters of the Immaculate Conception. St. Mary's School, in the Polish parish, at Worcester, in charge of the Sisters of Nazareth, has an enrolment of nearly 1600, while St. Joseph's parish, in Webster, which has had a Catholic school since 1892, has sent nearly eighty nuns to the convent and nearly twenty priests to the altar. Thus do vocations and Catholic education go hand in hand.

THE Lithuanian Sisters of St. Casimir are in the parish of the same name at Worcester, while the Italian Sisters, Daughters of Our Lady of Mercy, and the Venerini Sisters are the latest arrivals in our classrooms. Their work thus far has been largely of a preparatory nature. They are industrious students, and are rapidly mastering our language, while they teach catechism to the children of our Italian parishes in their native tongue, conduct day nurseries and perform other works of social service among their people.

Little did that band of Notre Dame Sisters who opened at Chicopee in 1867, little did the few pioneers of the seventies dream that, within fifty years of their initial efforts, God would so bless their work that the cross on the school would be almost as familiar as the cross on the church. Such has been the harvest. They may have sown better than they knew, but at all events, they sowed well. Where they who blazed the frontier path of Catholic education taught hundreds, now more than a score of teaching orders



John W. Donohue, Architect

St. Stanislaus' School, Adams. Rev. Edmund M. Kempinski, Pastor. Felician Sisters in charge.

instruct nearly fifty thousand unto justice. Where "any port in a storm" often dictated that a second hand building or a rude frame structure must serve the purpose of Catholic truth, today our Catholic grammar and high schools are the last word in material appointments, sanitary equipment and pedagogical efficiency. Our high schools are manned by those who have gained the baccalaureate and master's degrees. Our pupils hold their own, where they do not more than hold their own, in any public competition where the rule is "fair field and no favor." At times, our graduates find it difficult to enter certain institutions, such as state normal schools, but once admitted, give an excellent account of themselves.

THIS somewhat surprising difference between the difficulty of gaining admission and the comparative ease with which, once admitted, our parochial graduates hold their own, has more than once given rise to questioning comment. It is regrettable that, in our state, where open handed justice is so much in evidence, there is still a discrimination against our Catholic high school graduates, and in favor of public school graduates, in the matter of admission to our state normal schools. Public school graduates, of a certain grade, are certified, while all private school graduates must undergo an examination. It is noticeable that, some years, practically all of our graduates pass, while in other years graduates of the same system, taught by the same teachers, fail. Other years all pass at certain normal schools and fail at others! There has been a suspicion that, when enough are certified from our public high schools to fill all vacancies, the examinations are made so difficult that practically no one passes. Often the certified public high school pupils admit they could not pass the test.

This condition suggests many a question. If all who enter on certificates could not pass the examinations, why should they enter? Why should others be obliged to take them? If the object of normal school education is to obtain the best possible candidates, why adopt a double standard which may debar many of the most promising applicants? Why should schools which conform to all the laws of the state be unduly, if not unjustly, handicapped by the state? Why not examination for all, or certification for all? No possible objection could be made to any entrance requirements which applied alike to all, but there will always be objection to a system which discriminates against the children of one group of citizens in favor of another. The removal of this unfairness would be an act of justice worthy of a great commonwealth.

Our high schools, under the Sisters of Notre Dame, St. Joseph and Presentation, and the Xaverian Brothers, have attained a high standard of excellence. Their graduates have made a splendid record in higher studies, and their successes in the professions are becoming more and more

W. F. Fontaine, Architect

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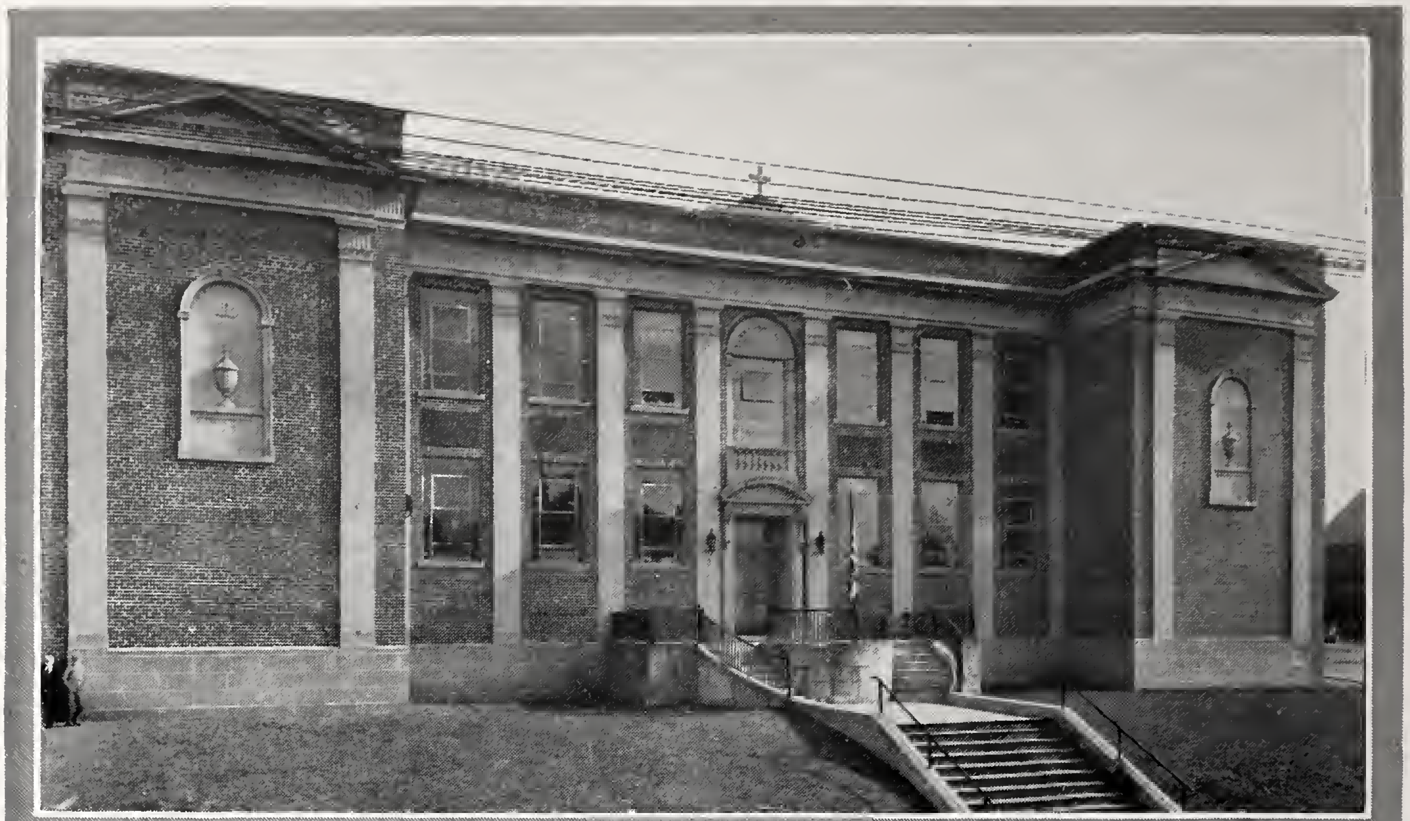
Rev. J. E. Chicoine, Pastor. Daughters of the Holy Ghost in charge.



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St. Joseph's School, Webster

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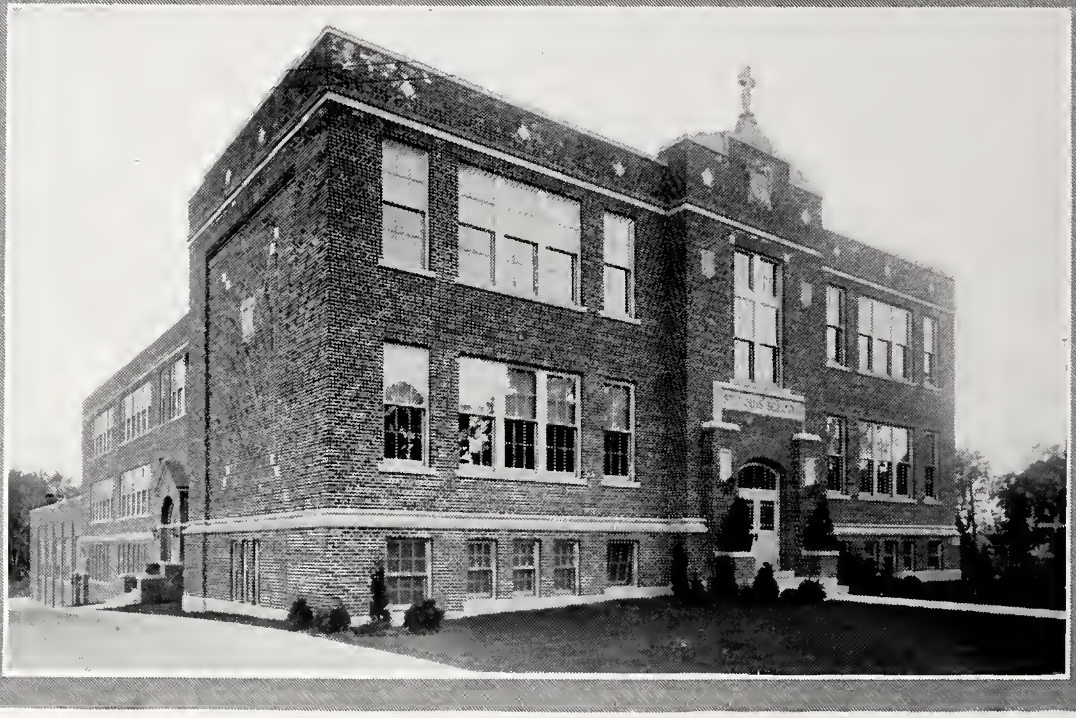

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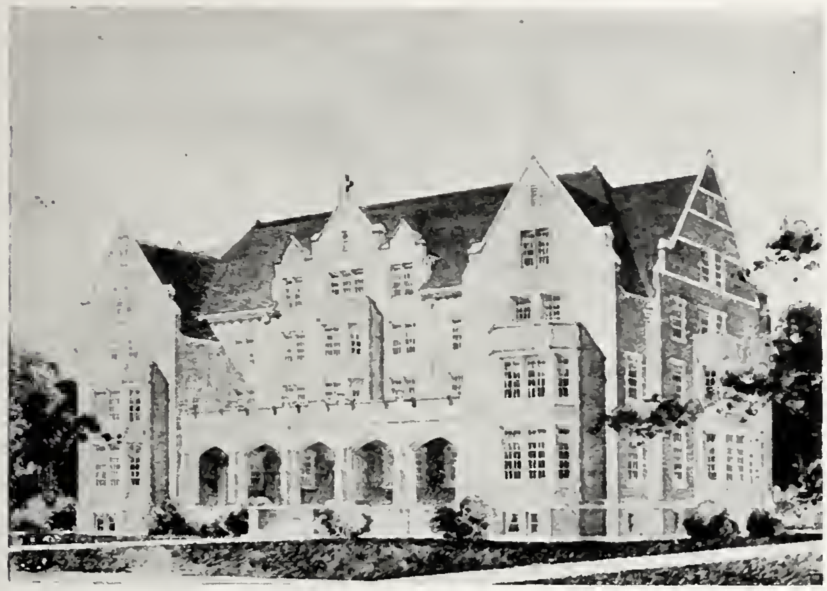


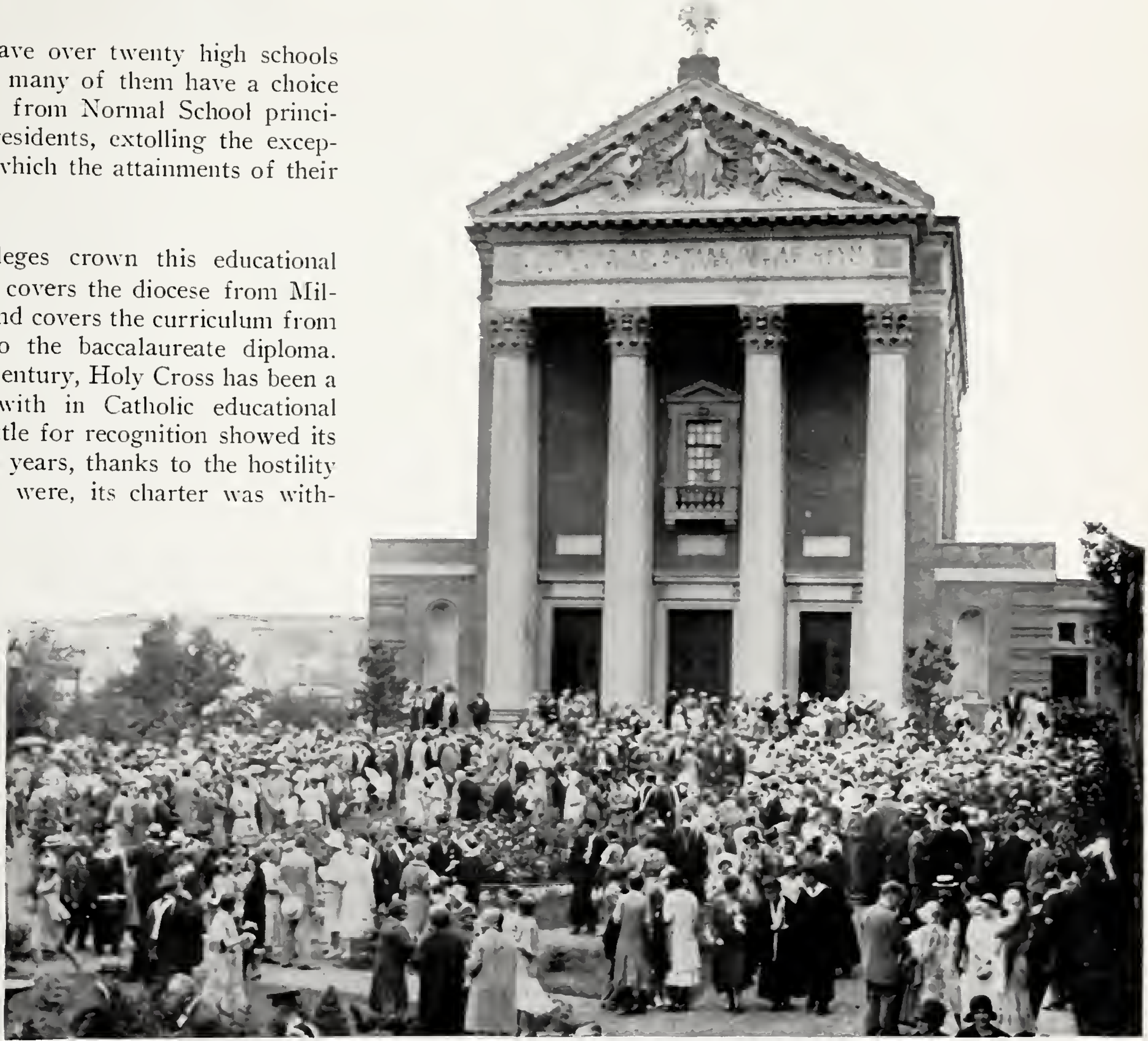
John W. Donohue, Architect

O'Leary Hall, beautiful dormitory building at Our Lady of The Elms College, Chicopee.

pronounced. We have over twenty high schools in the diocese, and many of them have a choice collection of letters from Normal School principals and college presidents, extolling the exceptional preparation which the attainments of their graduates reflected.

OUR three colleges crown this educational system which covers the diocese from Milford to Pittsfield, and covers the curriculum from the kindergarten to the baccalaureate diploma. For approaching a century, Holy Cross has been a name to conjure with in Catholic educational circles. Its early battle for recognition showed its calibre. For twenty years, thanks to the hostility of the powers that were, its charter was withheld and its degrees came from Georgetown, as the national capital sought to teach Massachusetts a lesson in liberality.

Our war governor, Andrews, finally righted the wrong. The Catholic service on the fields of the civil strife forced the scales from his eyes, and today the old Bay State learns lessons in generosity and justice from no sister state. This was one Catholic reason for rejoicing in the tercentenary. Religion, law, medicine and business all have grounds to bless the Jesuit house of learning at Worcester, which has graduated over five thousand as her contribution to enrich American citizenship and American professional life.



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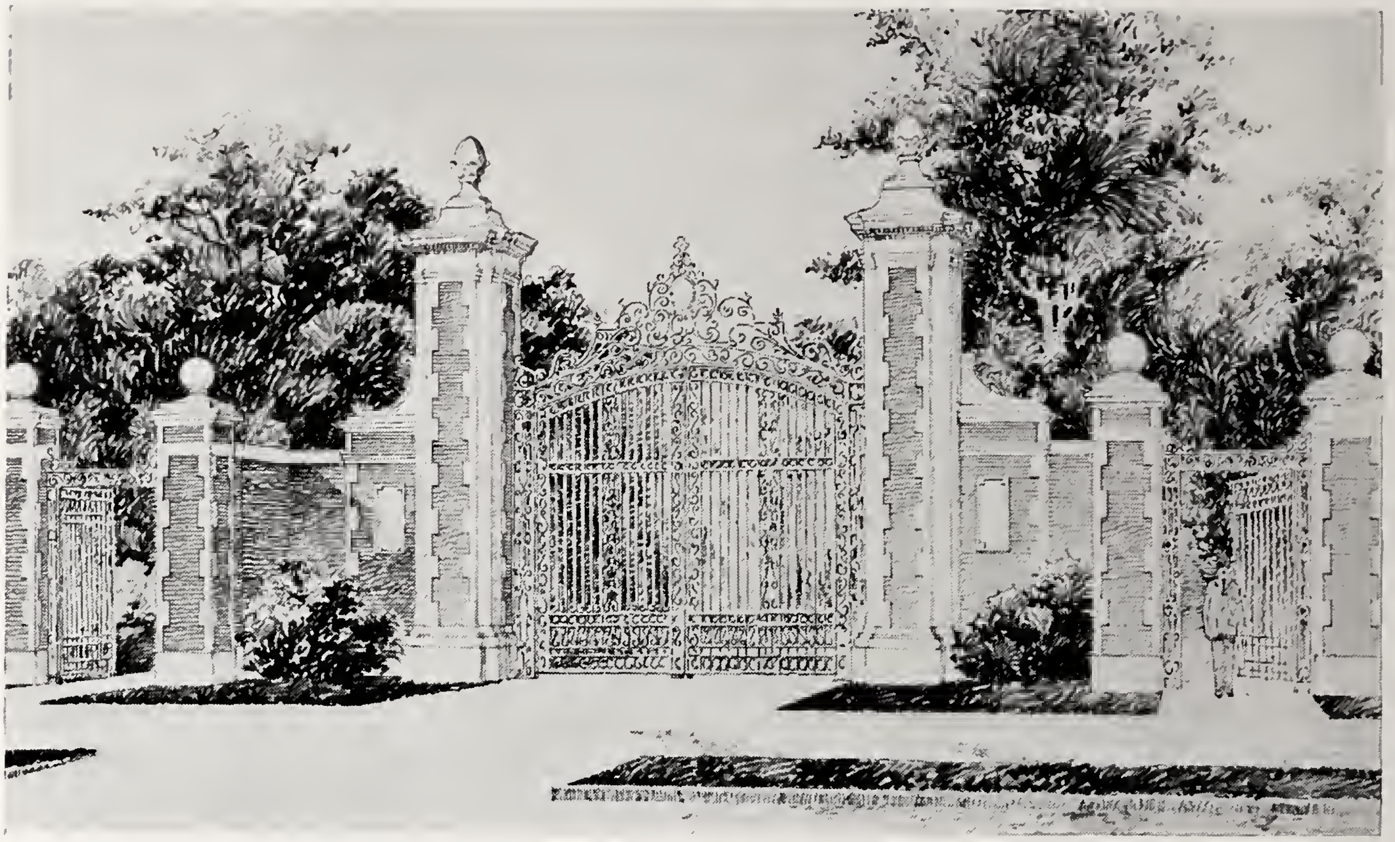
Usual Commencement Day scene in front of Memorial Chapel, Holy Cross College, Worcester.

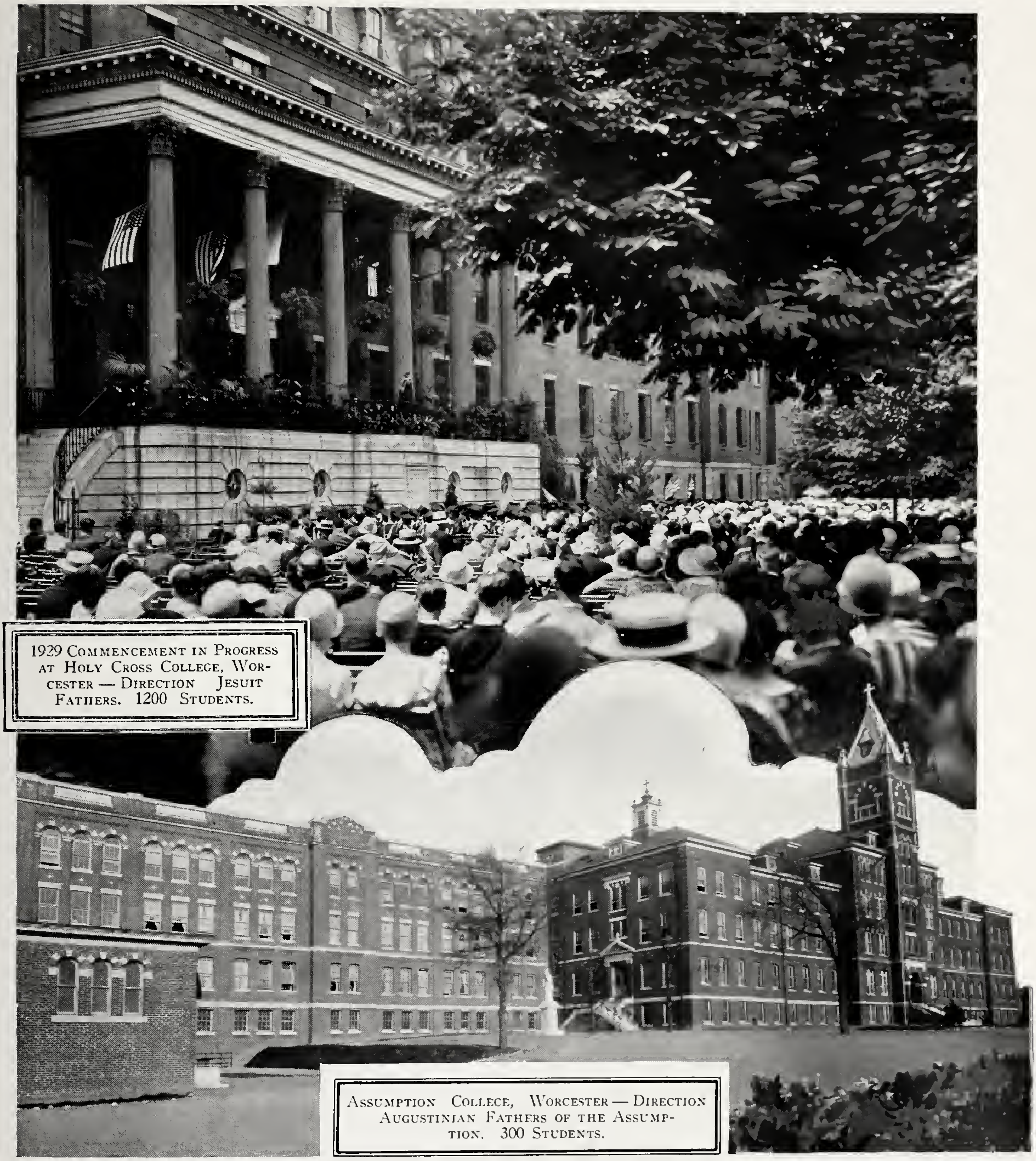


Proposed Entrance Gate to Our Lady of The Elms College, Chicopee.

ON the hillside, above Greendale, at the northern extremity of Worcester, rise the towers of Assumption College, established by the followers of St. Augustine, whom French persecution drove from the land of their birth. Misfortune only spurred them on to new efforts. America taught France a lesson in fairness by receiving them, the Springfield Diocese welcomed them, and they have added to our institutions of learning a classical college where the French tradition of thoroughness is preserved. These exiled fathers gave an example of how to forgive injuries. When the World War broke out, every priest called responded and served as a common soldier for the land which drove him into exile.

THE newest landmark on our educational horizon is the lovely tower of the new building of Our Lady of the Elms, at Chicopee. It rises gracefully above its surroundings, is visible from Mt. Tom to the Springfield borders and announces that a college for Catholic girls crowns our educational edifice. Three classes have already matriculated, and the first commencement exercises will take place in 1932. The college offers the full course leading to the baccalaureate degree, and embraces in its comprehensive curriculum religion, philosophy, English literature, ancient tongues, modern languages, science, history, elocution, etc. The large entering classes indicate that Our Lady of the Elms fills a real need, and the exceptional work of the first classes gives earnest that the Elms graduate will make her presence felt in the fields of her post graduate labors.

A glimpse of first floor corridor, O'Leary Hall, Our Lady of The Elms College, Chicopee.



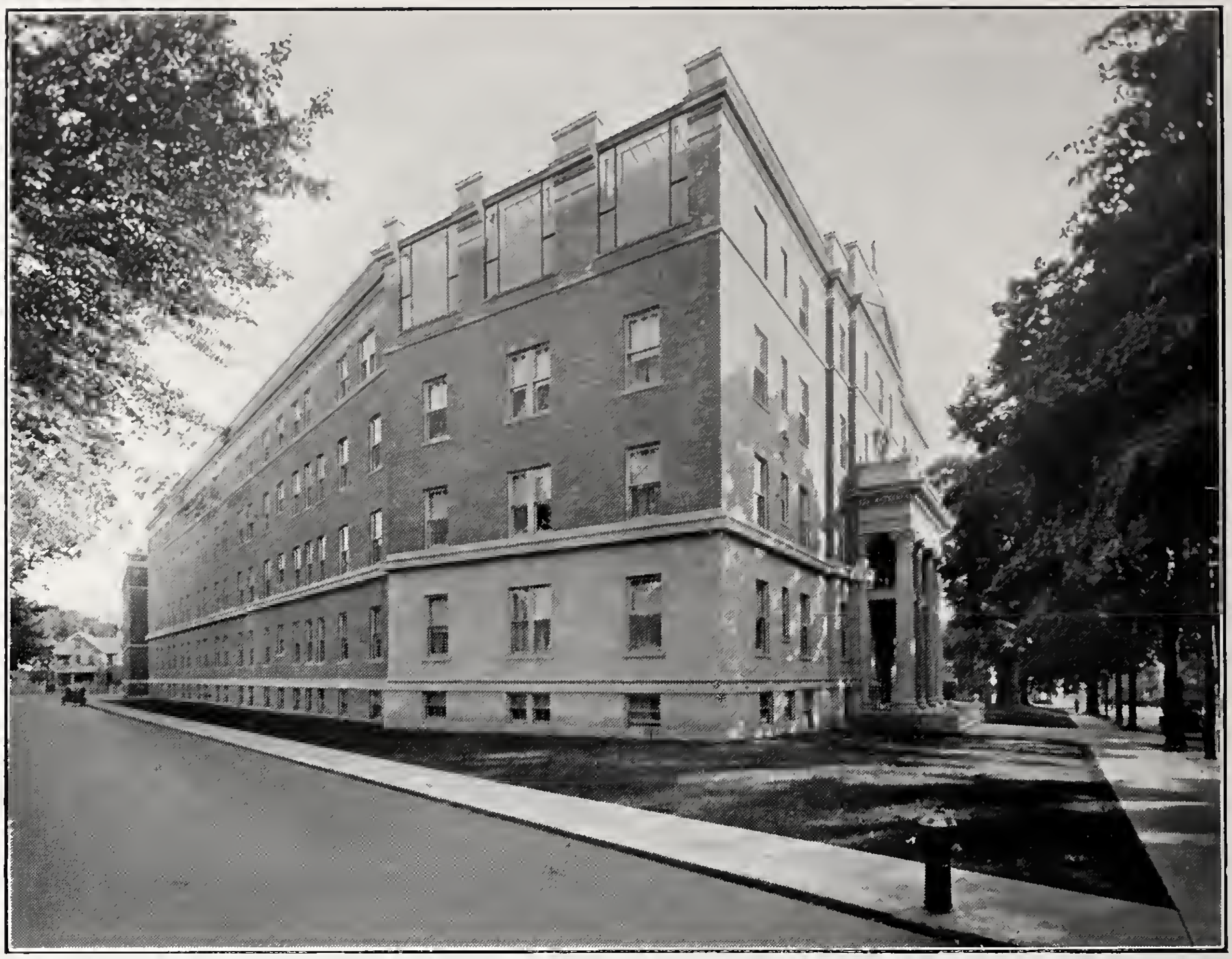
1929 Commencement in Progress at Holy Cross College, Worcester — Direction Jesuit Fathers. 1200 Students.

Assumption College, Worcester — Direction Augustinian Fathers of the Assumption. 300 Students.

O. E. Nault, Architect—Assumption

THE NEW MERCY HOSPITAL ADDITION, SPRINGFIELD

Sisters of Providence in charge



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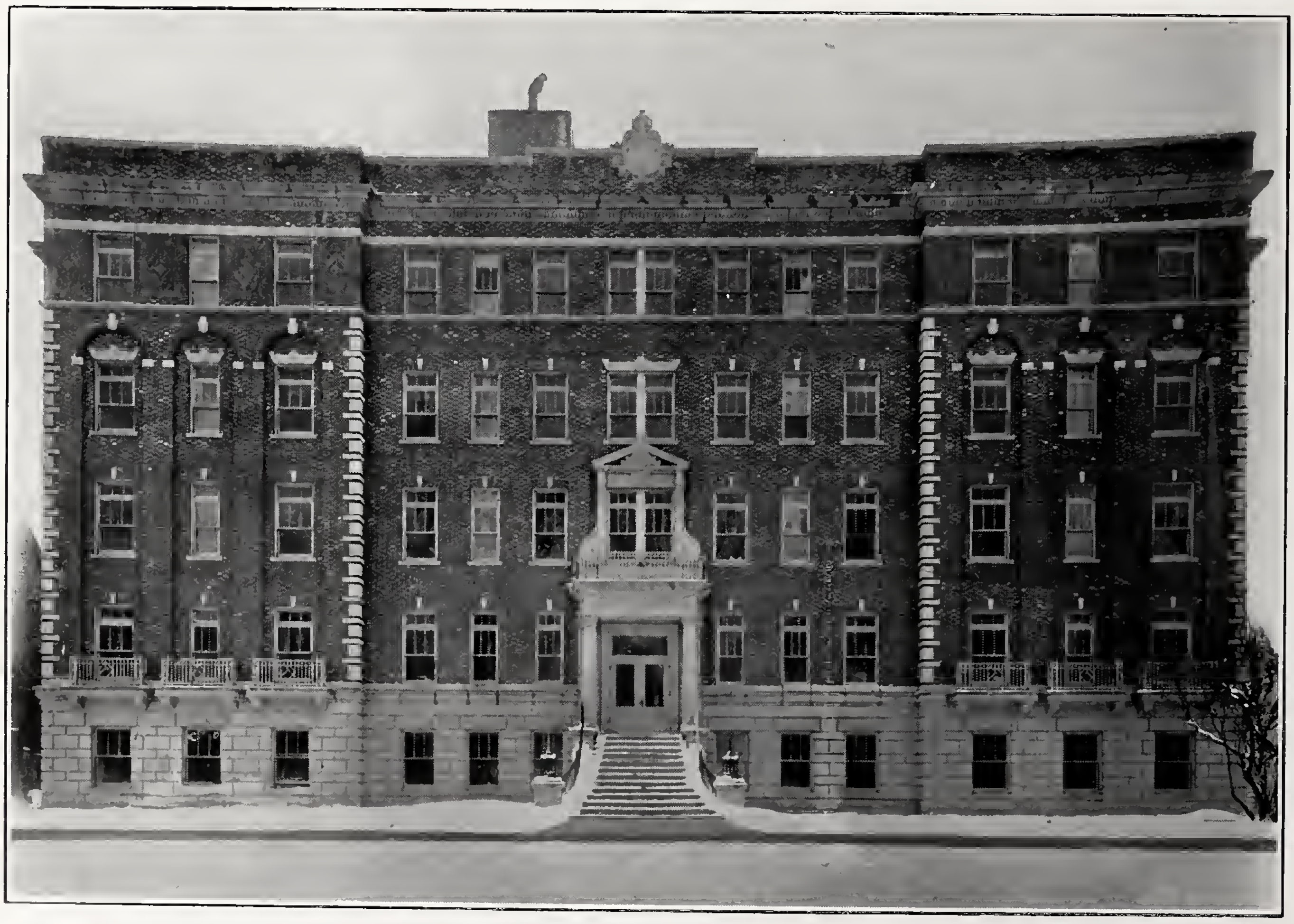


John W. Donohue, Architect

ST. LUKE'S HOSPITAL, PITTSFIELD

Sisters of Providence in charge. 2600 patients annually.

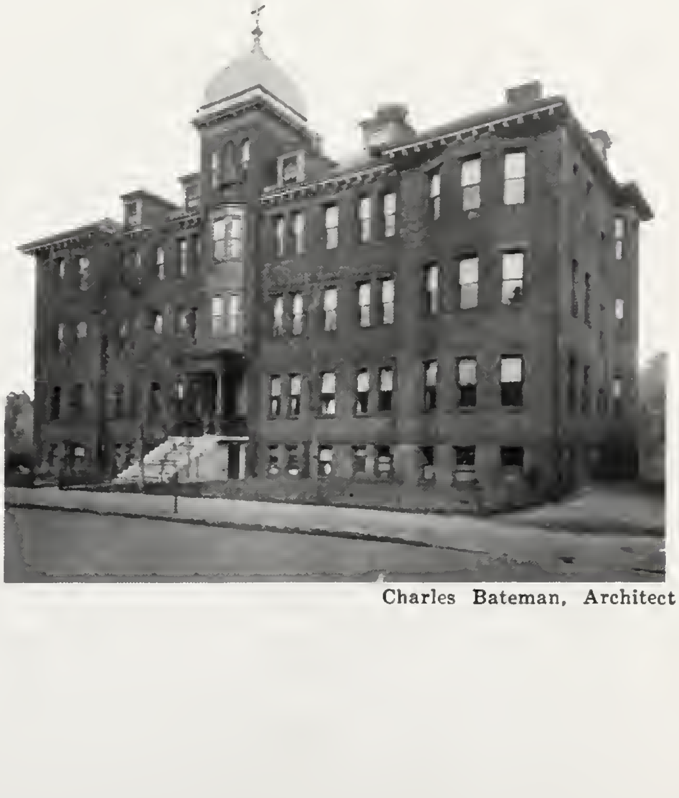
Charles Bateman, Architect

ST. VINCENT'S HOSPITAL, WORCESTER
Sisters of Providence in charge. 6500 patients annually.

For God and Humanity

Catholic Hospitals and Institutions

With the coming of Christianity came the manifold works of charity unknown and unneeded in the pagan civilization that exposed weak children and approved of suicide for the aged. Christianity's teaching that human life is sacred wherever it is found gave rise to the institutions of mercy which covered Europe with hospices for the pilgrims, asylums for the orphan, hospitals for the sick, and colonies for the aged, even before barbarism had disappeared. Nothing is more characteristic of Christianity than its insistence upon the corporal works of mercy. Its hospitals trace their origin to the parable of the Good Samaritan, which made our neighbor as universal as human suffering. Its care for the orphan goes back to the warning of our Saviour: "In so far as ye do it to the least of these, ye do it unto Me." Its Good Shepherd institutions hand down through the ages the lesson



Providence Hospital, Holyoke. Oldest Catholic hospital in Springfield Diocese. Sisters of Providence in charge. 3500 patients annually.

Charles Bateman, Architect

J. A. Jollette, Architect—New addition

ST. ANN'S ORPHANAGE, WORCESTER

Grey Nuns in charge. Capacity, 225 boys and girls.

of His pardon of Magdalen. His charity was as universal as human life and human want. His Church is His voice and His work, carrying on to "the consummation of the world."

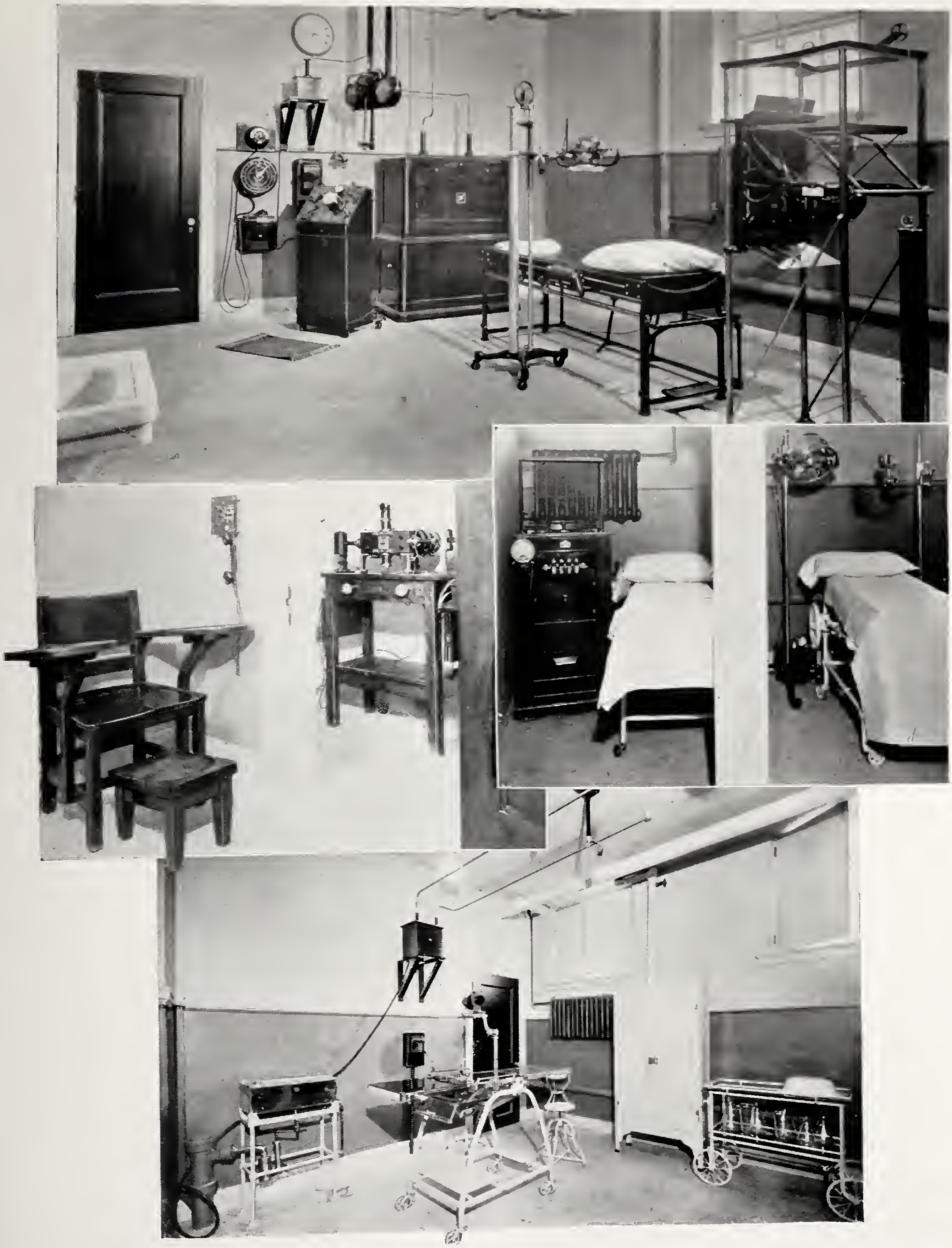
A diocese, in Christianity's balance, is largely judged by the universality of its works of charity, and Springfield meets the test triumphantly. Every form of human need is relieved by our varied institutions—the sick, the orphan, the wayward, the aged are all cared for in a religious atmosphere, close to our Eucharistic Lord.

Foremost among our workers in the home field of mercy are the Sisters of Providence, who have exclusive charge of our hospitals. It is said that sixty-five per cent of the hospital beds in our country are in Catholic institutions, a really glorious record, and the reason is found in our diocese, as elsewhere. The first Sisters of Providence came from Kingston, in 1873, and opened a hospital and home for orphans in South Hadley, at a time when Holyoke had neither hospital nor orphanage. They transferred their hospital work to Holyoke in 1878 and from that beginning came our present group of Class A hospitals, which rank with America's best: House of Providence, Holyoke; Mercy, Springfield; St. Vincent's, Worcester; Farren, Montague City; St. Luke's, Pittsfield. In addition, the order conducts a popular convalescent home in the healthful air of the Berkshires, "Greylock Rest," in the shadow of Mt. Greylock.

The Sisters of Providence also conduct a home for orphan girls at Mt. St. Vincent; a home for orphan boys at Brightside; a home for aged women, the Harkins Home, in Holyoke, where they perpetuate the name of Monsignor Harkins, through whom they first came to the diocese; a haven for aged men, the Beaven-Kelly Home, the gift of Bishop Beaven in memory of his good parents. It is only fair to our non-Catholic neighbors to record their occasional acts of generosity, too easily forgotten amid bitter memories of injustice. When Ingleside was purchased from a Mr. Holman, and he discovered that it was for the Sisters, he reduced the price from $12,000 to $10,000. In 1892, the Sisters of Providence, by a decree of Rome, severed their relations with Kingston and became a diocesan order.

In the eighties, when these Sisters were bur-

Mt. St. Vincent Orphanage, Ingleside, Holyoke. Sisters of Providence in charge. Capacity 150 girls.



The Equipment of Our Catholic Hospitals Is Second To None

Top—*X-Ray.* Left Center—*Cardiograph.* Right Center—*Physiotherapy.* Bottom—*Urological.*
Departments at Mercy Hospital, Springfield.

Wilson Eyere, Architect

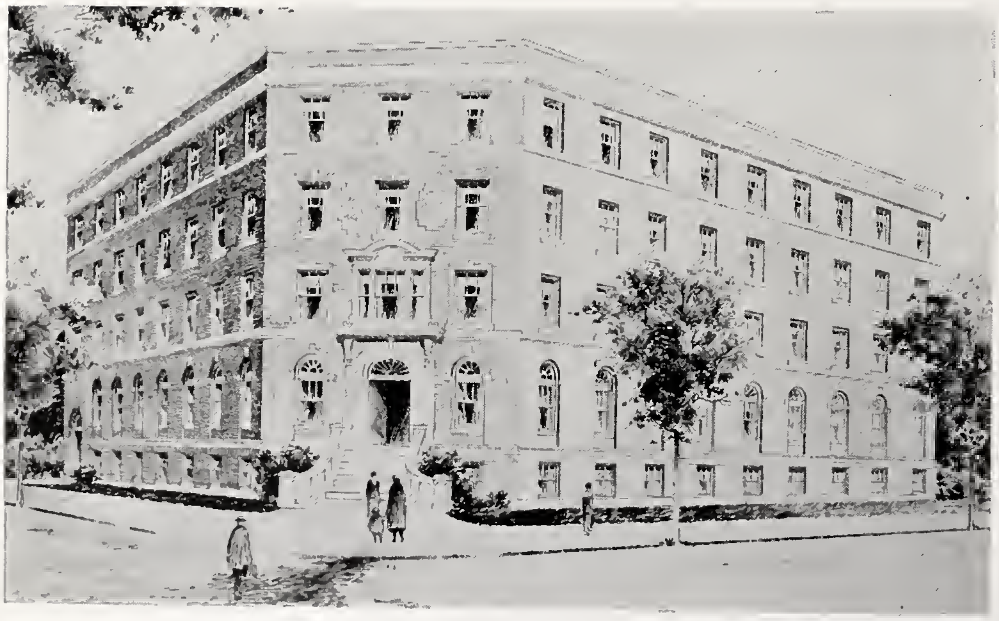
FARREN MEMORIAL HOSPITAL, MONTAGUE CITY

Sisters of Providence in charge. 1000 patients annually.

dened by apparently crushing debts, when land and buildings were heavily mortgaged, they placed our diocese under lasting obligation by their heroic self-sacrifice. They did all kinds of needlework, made flags, vestments, ran bazaars, while Sisters, collecting funds, made trips as far west as Denver, where contributions were solicited from the miners. They were kindly received, thousands of dollars were realized, the railroads gave them free passes, and gradually Brightside and Ingleside were cleared of what appeared to be appalling mortgage encumbrances.

The orphans of the diocese have also found staunch friends in the Sisters of Mercy, at Worcester, the first religious order to labor in our midst. The late Rev. John Power, V.G., when made pastor of St. Ann's, Worcester, brought them to care for the parish sick and poor. On his transfer, to become first pastor of St. Paul's, in the same city, the Sisters were transferred, also. They established a home for orphan girls in the city and one for orphan boys at Nazareth, in Leicester, a spot made notable in the annals of our diocese by the shrine of Our Lady, to which annual pilgrimages occur on August 15. In recent years, the Sisters have enlarged the scope of their work at St. Paul's by building a much needed and finely appointed home for working girls, who thus spend their leisure in a religious atmosphere, with its moral safeguards. The Sisters conduct the popular shrine of St. Anthony, at which Worcester's devotees of Padua's wonderworker have knelt for two generations, and publish an annual to promote the devotion.

On the heights above Providence Street, in Worcester's East Side, the Grey Nuns care for the orphans of French extraction. Their costume has become familiar in the Heart of the Commonwealth, as they make their periodic visitations in quest of help for their little charges. Through their efforts the former frame building, which had done yeoman service



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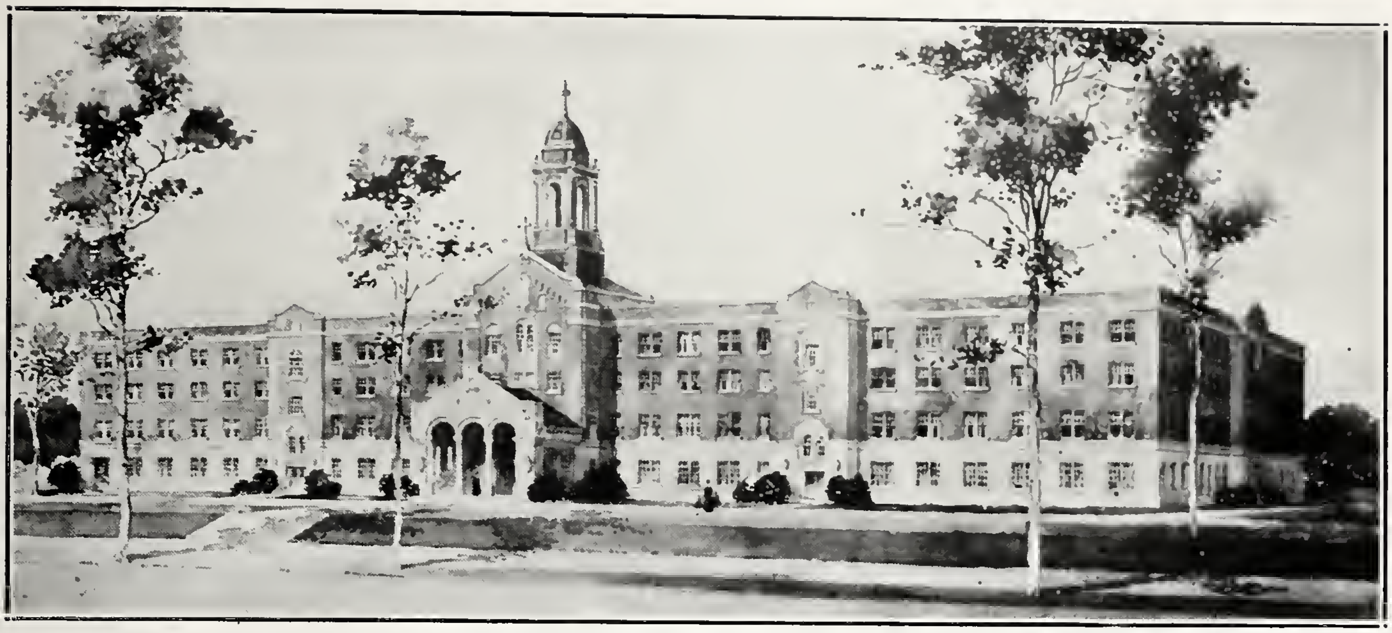
Nurses' Home, Mercy Hospital, Springfield. Sisters of Providence in charge.



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MOTHERHOUSE, SISTERS OF PROVIDENCE
Now under construction at Brightside, Holyoke. Mother Mary Consilii, Superior.

John W. Donohue, Architect

HOME FOR NURSES AND SISTERS' CONVENT
St. Vincent's Hospital, Worcester, Mass.

John W. Donohue, Architect

Upper—BETHLEHEM INFANT ASYLUM
BRIGHTSIDE, HOLYOKE
One of Five Orphanages in Diocese
Sisters of Providence in charge

Center — FATHER HARKINS HOME FOR AGED WOMEN
HOLYOKE
Capacity 75
Sisters of Providence in charge

John W. Donohue, Architect

ST. FRANCIS HOME FOR AGED MEN AND WOMEN
WORCESTER
Capacity 225
Franciscan Sisters in charge

O. E. Nault, Architect

J. W. Donohue
Architect

Upper—Beaven-Kelly Home For Aged Men
Brightside, Holyoke
Capacity 75
Sisters of Providence in charge

Center—St. Luke's Home For Working Girls
Springfield
Capacity 150
Sisters of Providence in charge

Thomas G. O'Connell, Architect

House of the Good Shepherd, Springfield
Capacity 200
Sisters of the Good Shepherd in charge

GREYLOCK REST, ADAMS

Rest house and convalescent home conducted by the Sisters of Providence. 1000 guests annually.

for charity, has been augmented by an ample brick structure.

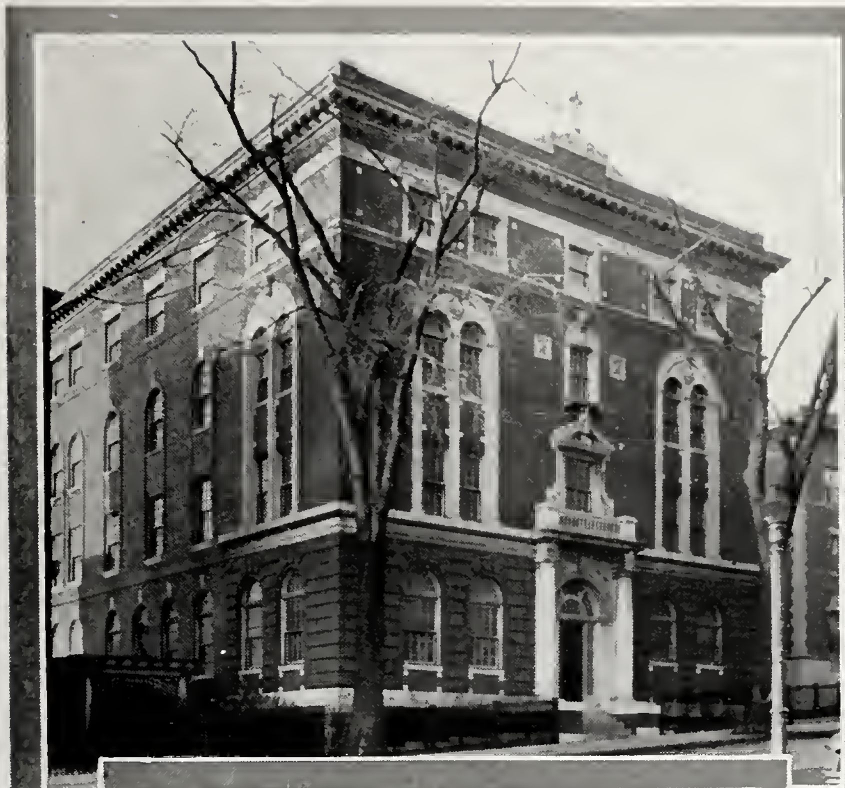
On the next hillside, to the north, the Franciscan Sisters conduct a home for the aged, and the excellence of the care they bestow upon all is indicated by the fact that they generally have a waiting list.

Last but not least among our charitable institutions is the large home of the Good Shepherd Sisters on Wilbraham Road, in Springfield. Humanly speaking, theirs is a thankless task, but the parable of the ninety and nine has begotten a noble band, who have found no labor too menial to enable them to bring back the stray sheep to the feet of the Good Shepherd. These Sisters have dedicated their lives to the task of raising fallen womanhood, and the Good Shepherd must smile in approval as they achieve the impossible to bring modern Magdalens under His pardoning Hand. To use a popular phrase, these Sisters are rarely more than a step ahead of the sheriff, but never complain, never falter and are always right in their confidence that "the Lord will provide."

The latest undertaking of the Sisters of Providence is the opening of day nurseries, that widowed mothers and others obliged to work may leave their little ones in safe hands while they are earning daily bread for both. Two flourishing nurseries are in operation in Worcester and Holyoke, to help hard-worked mothers meet the demands of modern industry.

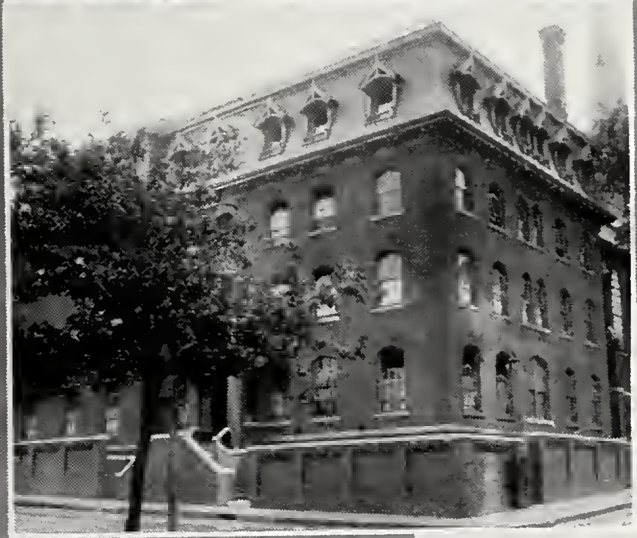
Chapters could be written on what these unselfish workers mean to our diocese. Other chapters could be added on the years of care and prayer and labor and anxiety which it cost them to establish their work for us on a solid foundation. Their labors are as wide as Charity, and Charity is as wide as it was on the road to Jeri-

Every floor in the New Mercy Hospital, Springfield, has its wide, roomy sun porch.



MOTHERHOUSE,
SISTERS OF MERCY, WORCESTER
Rev. Mother Mary Evangelist,
Superior.

Edward Fitzgerald, Architect



MOTHERHOUSE,
SISTERS OF THE PRESENTATION,
FITCHBURG
Rev. Mother Mary Helena, Superior.

John W. Donohue, Architect

MOTHERHOUSE,
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Rev. Mother John Berchmans,
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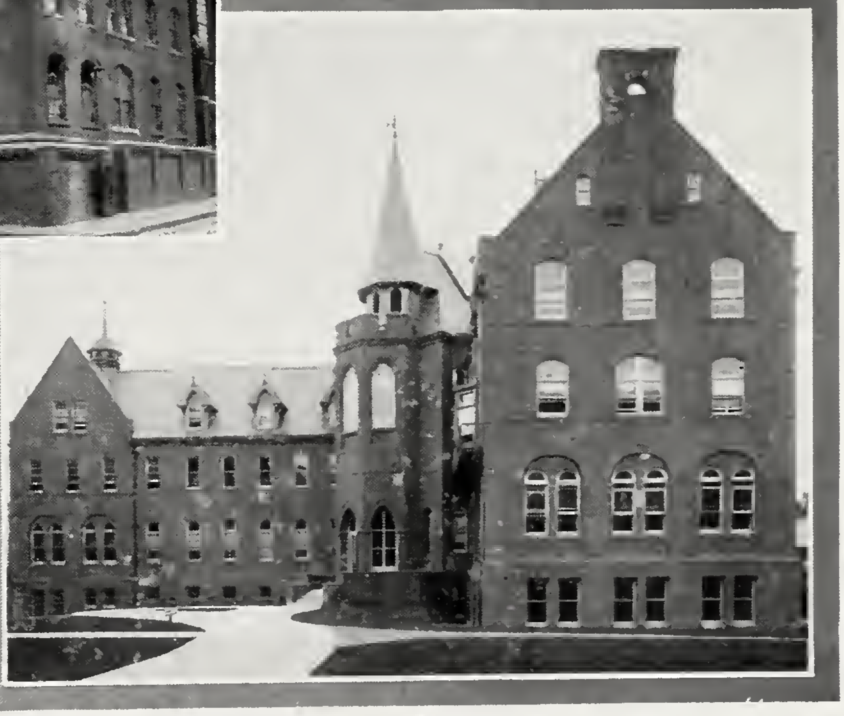

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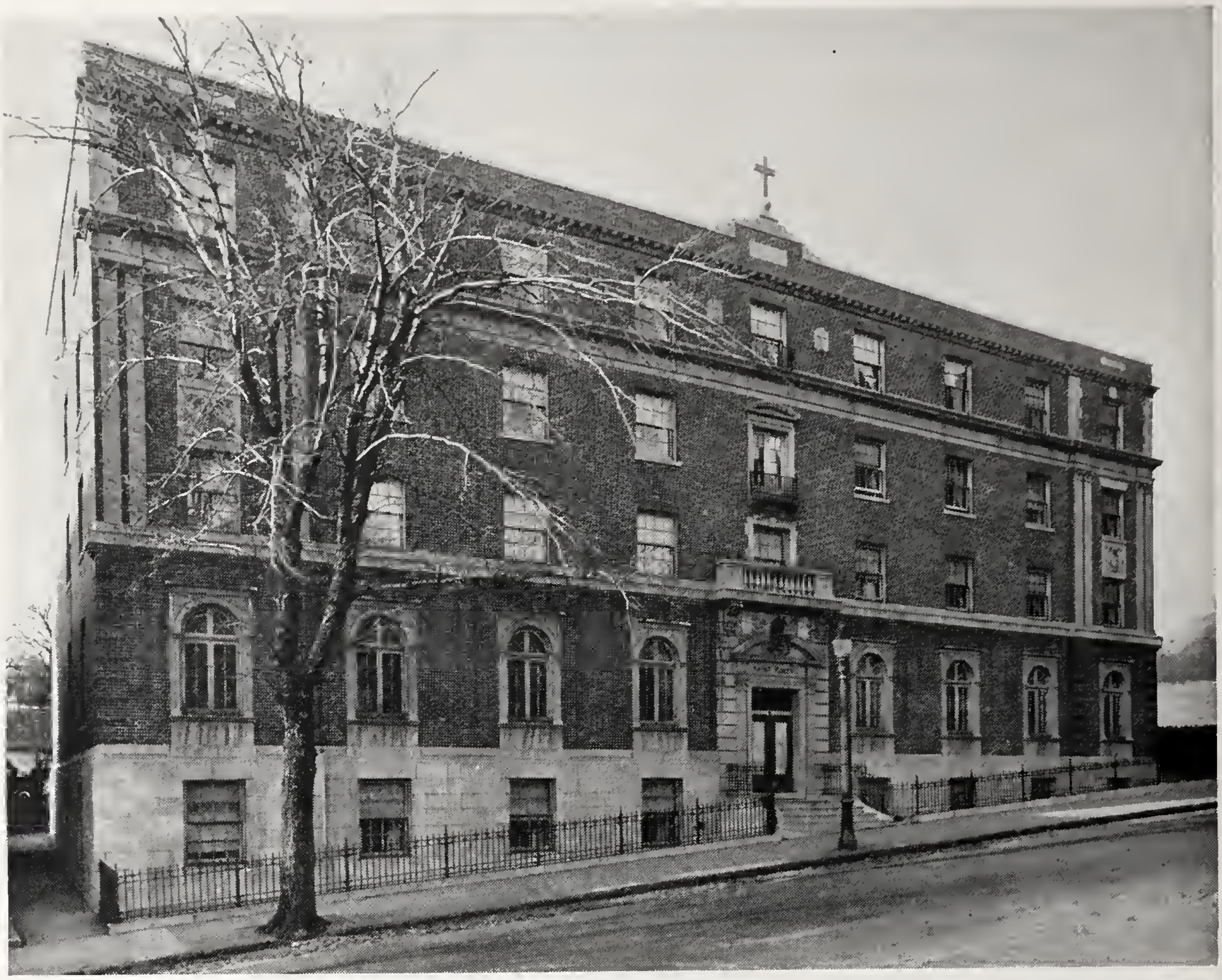
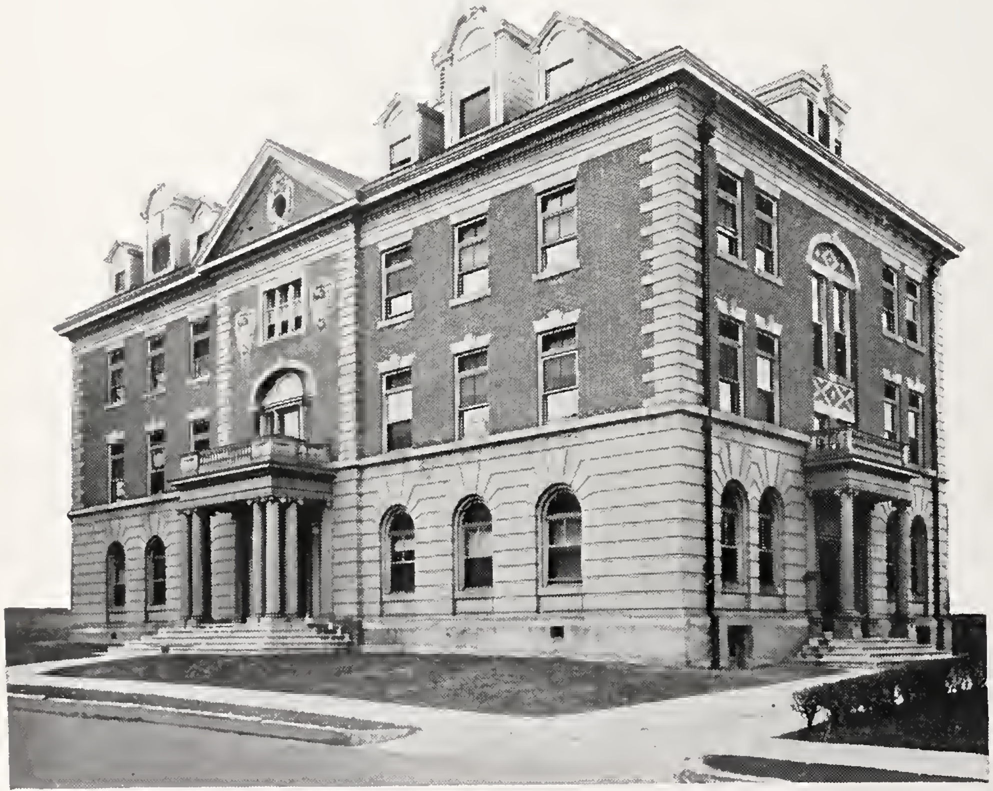


Edward Fitzgerald, Architect

ST. JOSEPH'S HOME FOR WORKING GIRLS, WORCESTER
Sisters of Mercy in charge

cho, the day the Good Samaritan taught the world. The first flash of pagan tolerance was caused by Christian charity: "See, they care for our poor."

Our charitable institutions draw no line, once the need is proven. Our hospitals minister to the whole community, and live the charity which the Church preaches. Our homes for orphan and aged admit all who knock for admission, so far as accommodations will permit. The charity of the Good Shepherd lives again in the organized charity of the Church, organized only to add to its efficiency.



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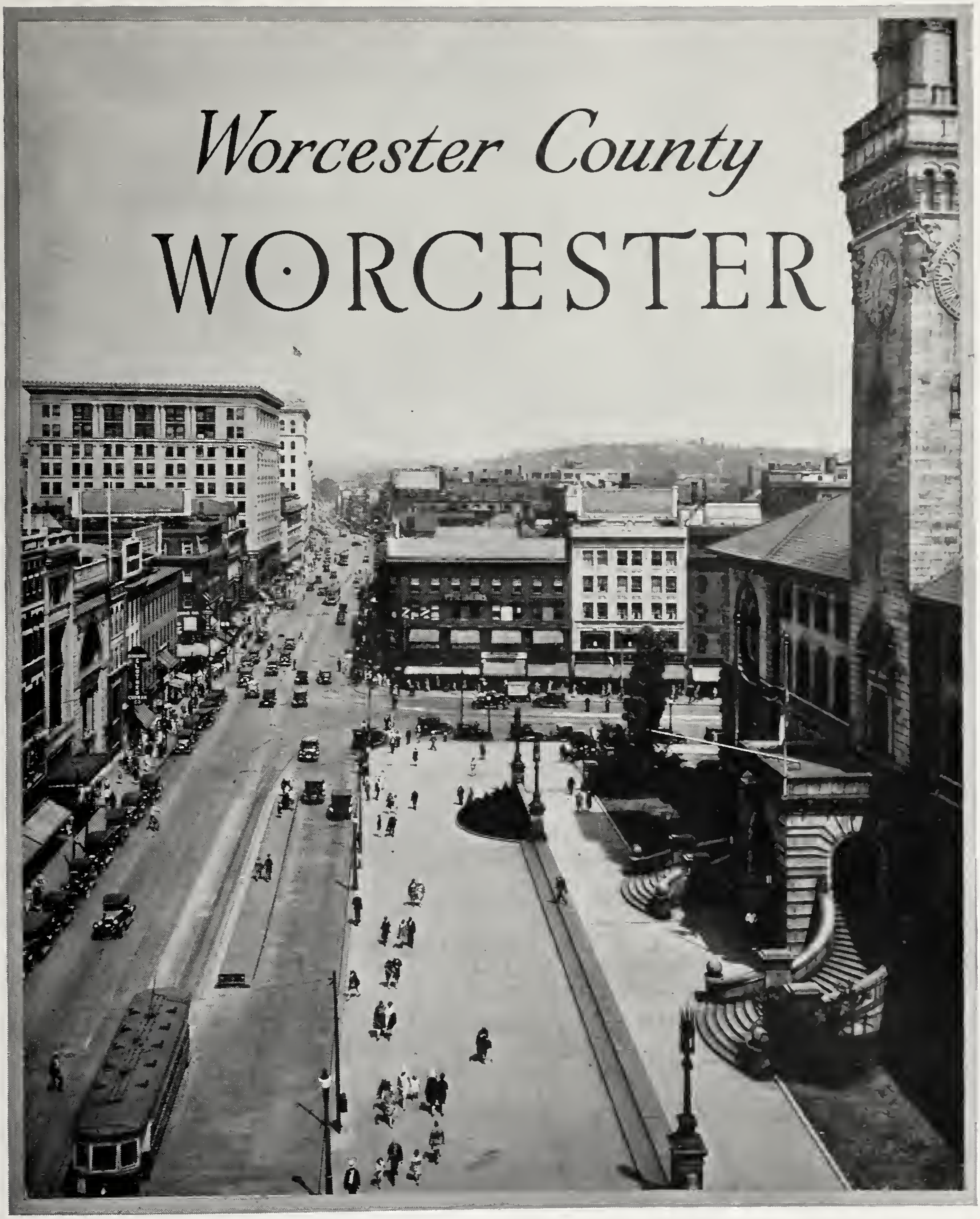
St. Mary's Maternity Hospital, Springfield. Sisters of Providence in charge.

GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
OF THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST
OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS



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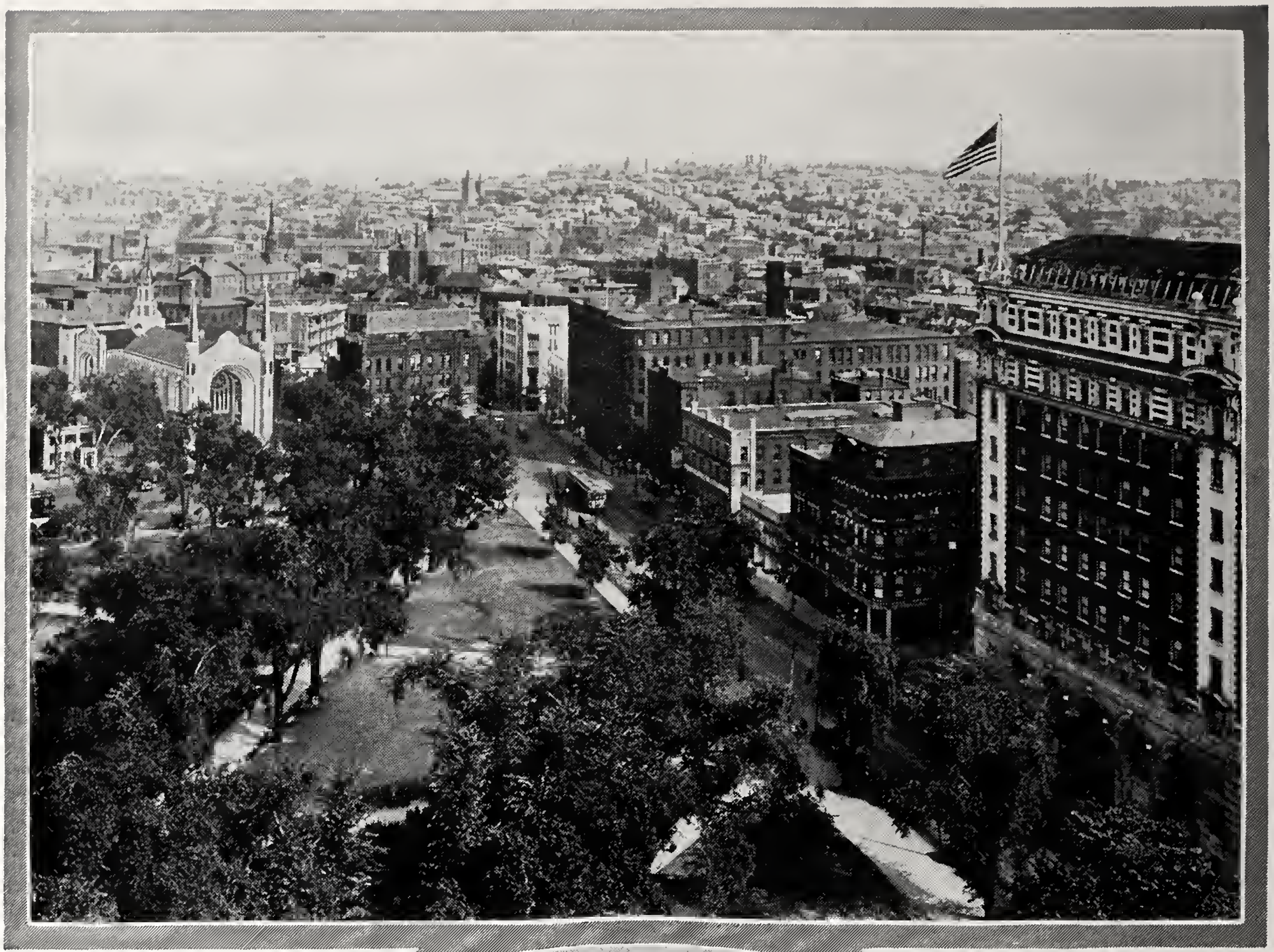

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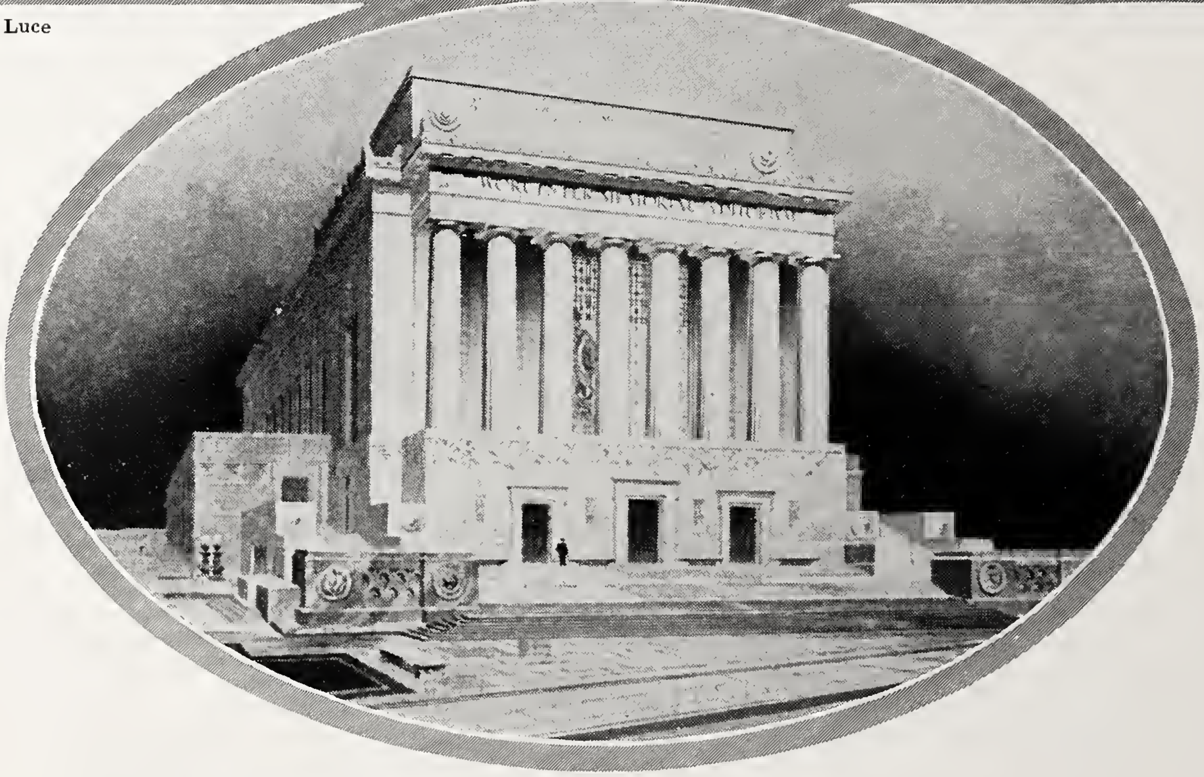

Upper—*Salem Square, Worcester, as seen from City Hall Tower, showing new Notre Dame Church in foreground.* Lower—*Proposed new Municipal Memorial Auditorium, Worcester.*

Father Fitton

IN MEMORIAM

Reverend James Fitton

First Pastor of Worcester's First Catholic Parish

A missionary extraordinary, tireless laborer in the Master's
Vineyard, first celebrant of Holy Mass in towns from
Boston to Berkshire, from Rhode Island to the New
Hampshire line, donor of the land on which Holy
Cross College now stands. His baptismal name is
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Holy Cross group towers, and his family
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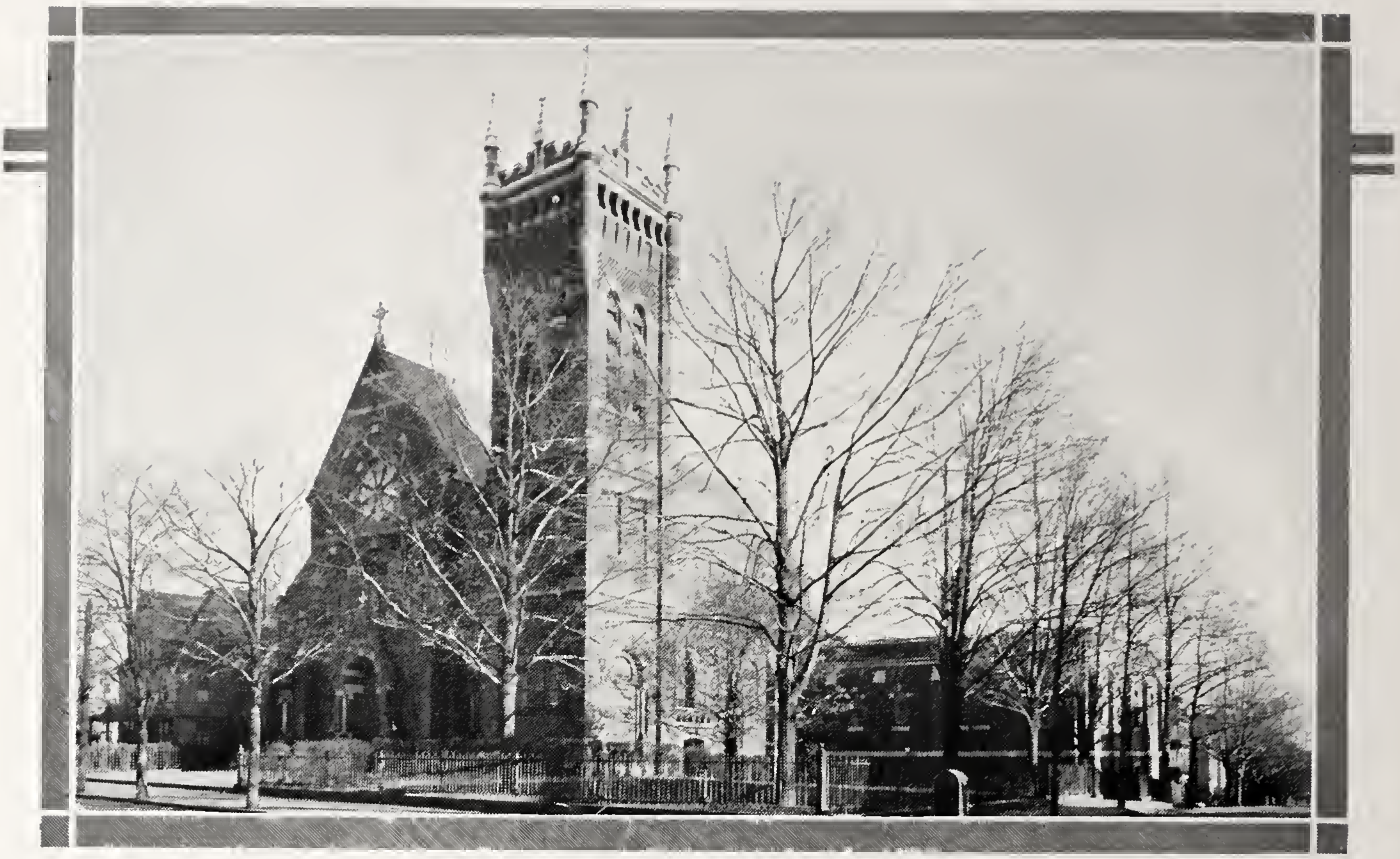

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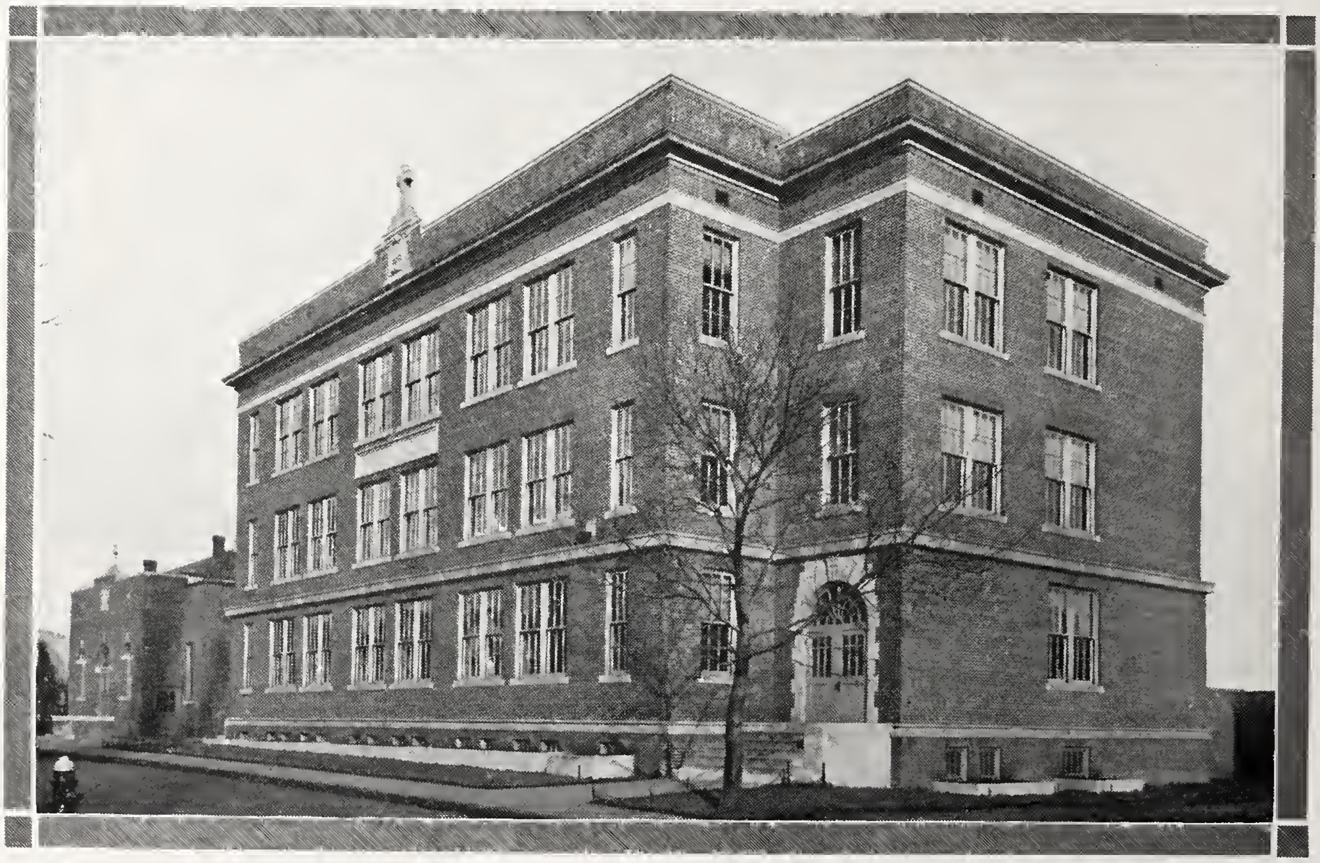
St. Peter's Church, Worcester
Rev. John J. Bell, Pastor.



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Sacred Heart School and Community Hall, Worcester
Rt. Rev. Msgr. John P. Phelan. Sisters of Mercy in charge.

Sowing the Seed of the Springfield Diocese

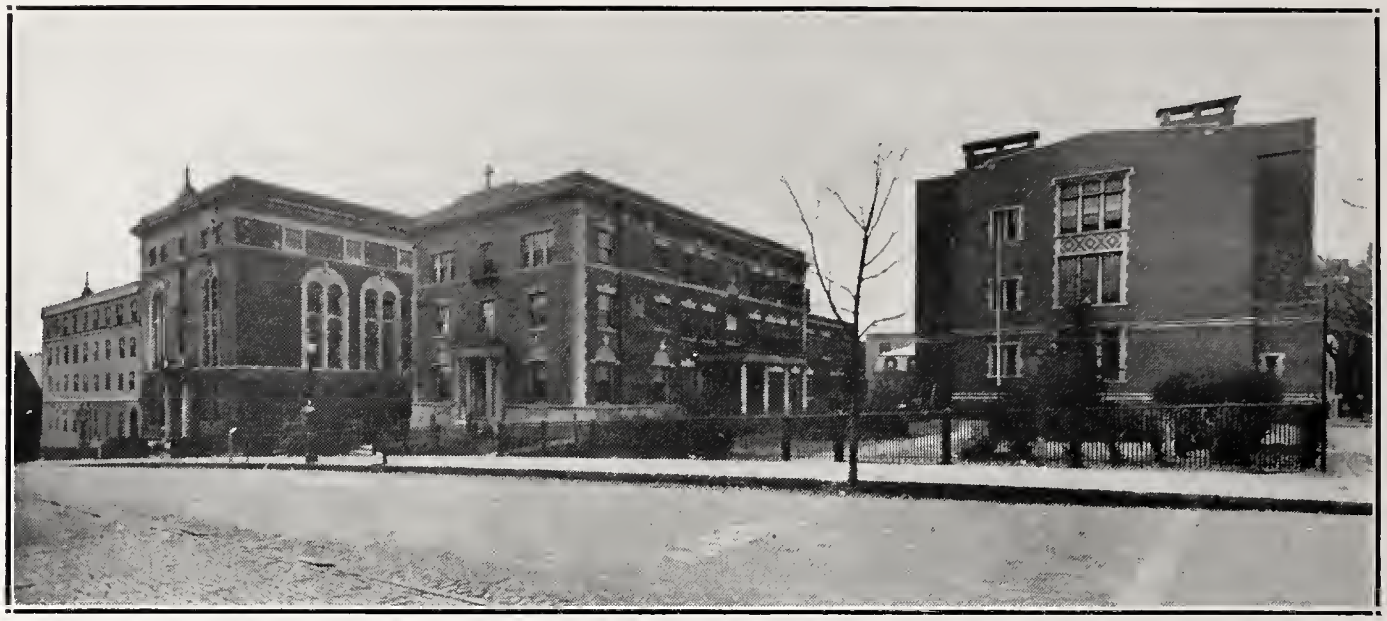
The birthplace of Catholicity in the present Diocese of Springfield was the city of Worcester. Thither, in 1775, came a handful of the unfortunate Acadians, victims of English oppression, but ultimately they drifted back to their native heath. With the building of the Blackstone Canal, the Providence-Worcester Railroad and the Boston & Albany, large numbers of Irish laborers came to Worcester and the Blackstone Valley. The presence of the vanguard is recorded in 1826. In the early thirties, they were visited by Rev. James Fitton of Hartford, who took up his residence in Worcester in 1834. In the decade of his residence here he sought out scattered Catholics as far west as the present New York state line, and from Rhode Island to northern Worcester. The number of towns in which he certainly was first to offer the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is almost unbelievable. Add to that the number in which tradition says he offered the first Holy Sacrifice, and we have both an idea of his superhuman activity and the solid basis for his reputation as a great missionary. His own fragmentary "Sketches" are the earliest story of the beginnings of our diocese.

His example was nobly emulated. Fathers Gibson and Boyce, who succeeded him at Worcester, carried on his work to the south and penetrated to the north as far as the New Hampshire state line. Clinton and Leominster and Fitchburg and Otter River, all owe a debt of gratitude to these devoted men who found no settlement too remote and no mountain home too distant for their priestly ministrations. Our diocese had no monopoly of the missionary spirit. Father O'Callaghan, of Vermont and Father Daley, of New Hampshire, crossed state lines to answer the call of benighted souls in northern Worcester. These beginnings of a thriving Catholic life were in Native American days. Catholics were still in struggling settlements, blessed with little of this world's goods, when the Knownothing storm burst. Everywhere there was difficulty in procuring land for church and rectory. Father Fitton had all but closed the deal for his first piece of land at Worcester when he casually mentioned what he wanted it for. The deed was torn up before his eyes, and he was assured that his people were undesirables.

Yet, to the everlasting glory of our non-Catholic fellow citizens be it said, there were always those who rose grandly above the narrowness of the rank and file, purchased land in their own names and then turned it over to their Catholic friends. Thus, three non-Catholics at Worcester, Messrs. Lincoln, Chase, and Pierce, purchased the land for the first Catholic church in our diocese, Christ's Church, which later became St. John's

CHRIST CHURCH
THE FIRST
CATHOLIC CHURCH

Memorial Cross, marking site of the first Catholic church (Christ Church) erected in Diocese of Springfield at Worcester.

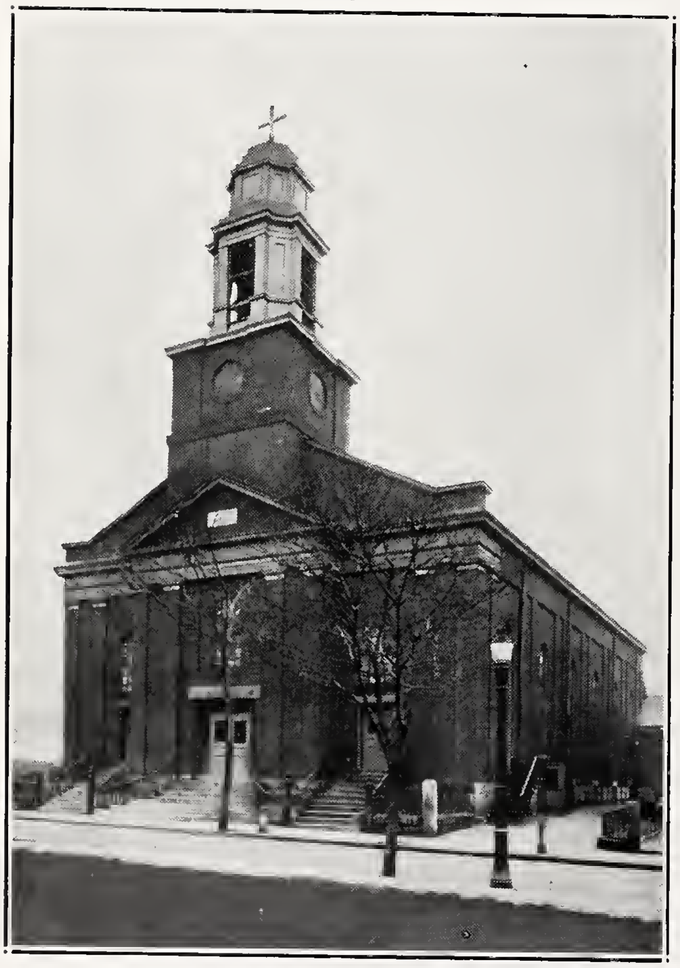


St. Paul's Group, Worcester
Left to Right—*St. Joseph's Home for Working Girls, Motherhouse for Sisters of Mercy, Rectory and School.*

when the larger church was built. This first church was erected on a street called Temple, from the presence of the house of God. Father Fitton also established the first Catholic school in our diocese, the St. James' Academy, which developed into Holy Cross College, where the priest presented the land to the Society of Jesus.

These pioneer days of the Worcester church, full of trials and hardships to priest and people, bear the glamor of romance to us of a century later. There, in summer, the Penobscott Indians came from Maine and camped around the church to attend the divine service conducted by this ubiquitous Father Fitton, who, before going to Hartford, had labored among the aborigines of the Pine Tree State! There, the Catholic soldiers assisted at Mass as they prepared for the Florida War at a nearby camp. There, the Jackson Guards, a Catholic military organization, was disbanded because of Knownothing suspicions, though the guards volunteered to a man for service in the Civil War—we doubt if their persecutors could verify a similar claim.

THE present St. John's replaced the humble Christ Church in 1846, and the old church became a hall—the Catholic Institute, which was dismantled as unfit for further use in the present pastorate, but a bronze memorial slab marks the historic spot. The Knownothings made such violent threats against the new church that Father Boyce presented the keys to the mayor, demanding the protection of the law, but adding significantly: "If you don't protect it, we will."



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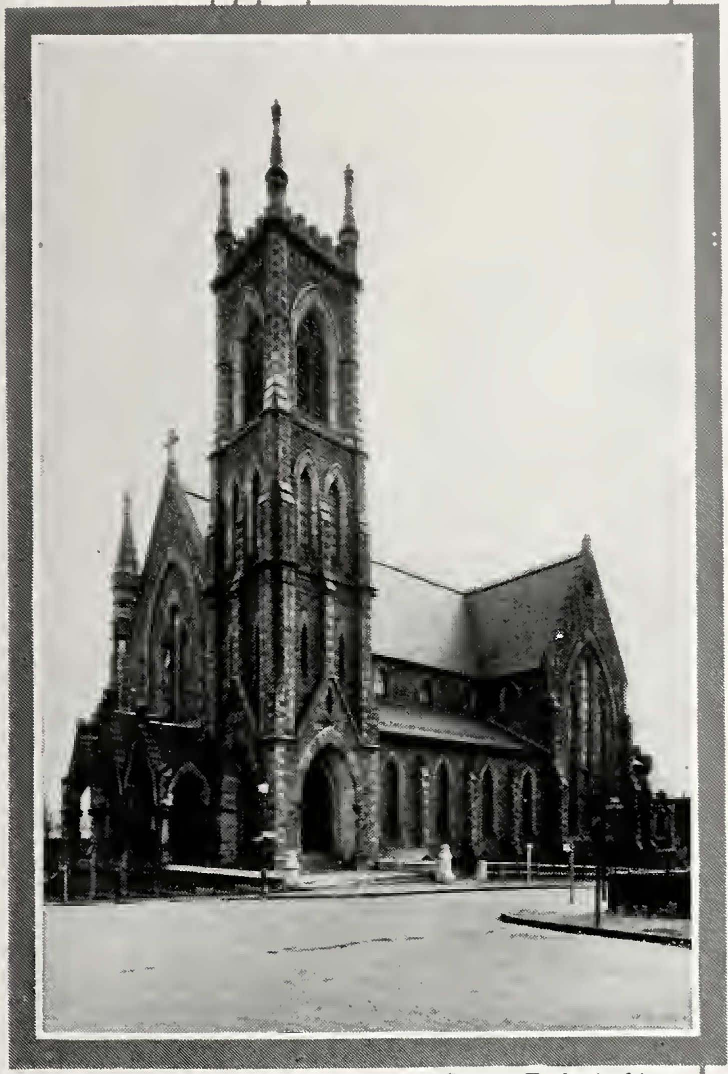
St. John's Church, Worcester. The oldest Catholic church in the Springfield Diocese. Rev. Edward J. Fitzgerald, Pastor.



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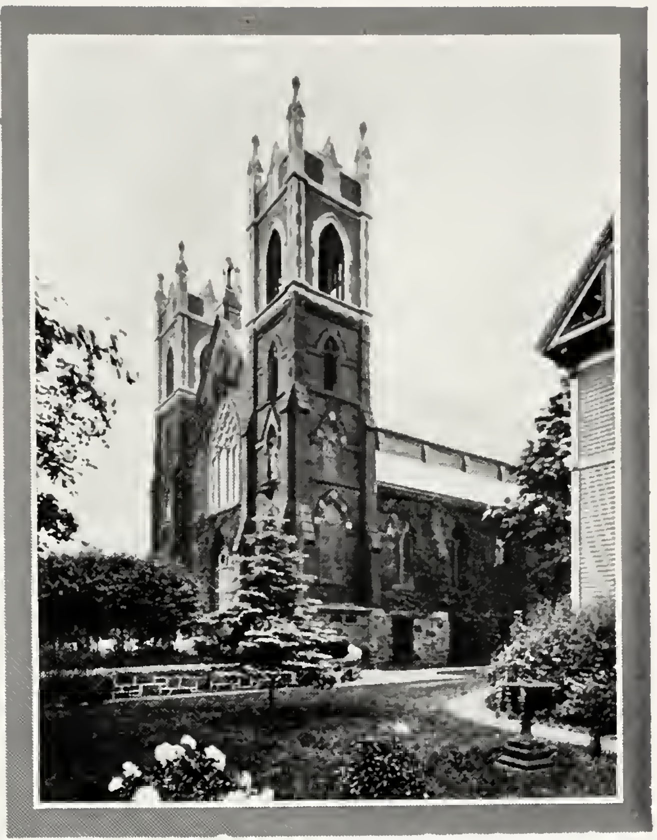

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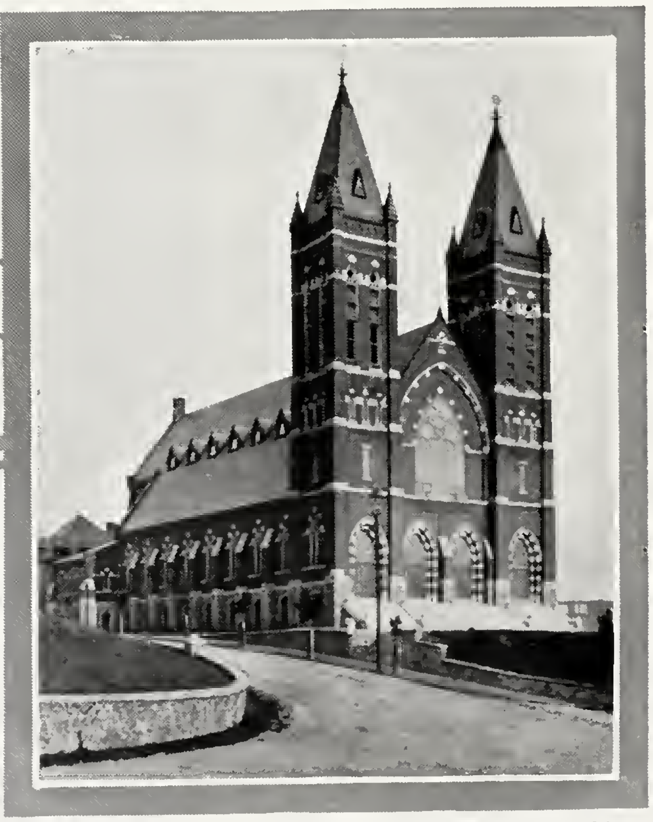

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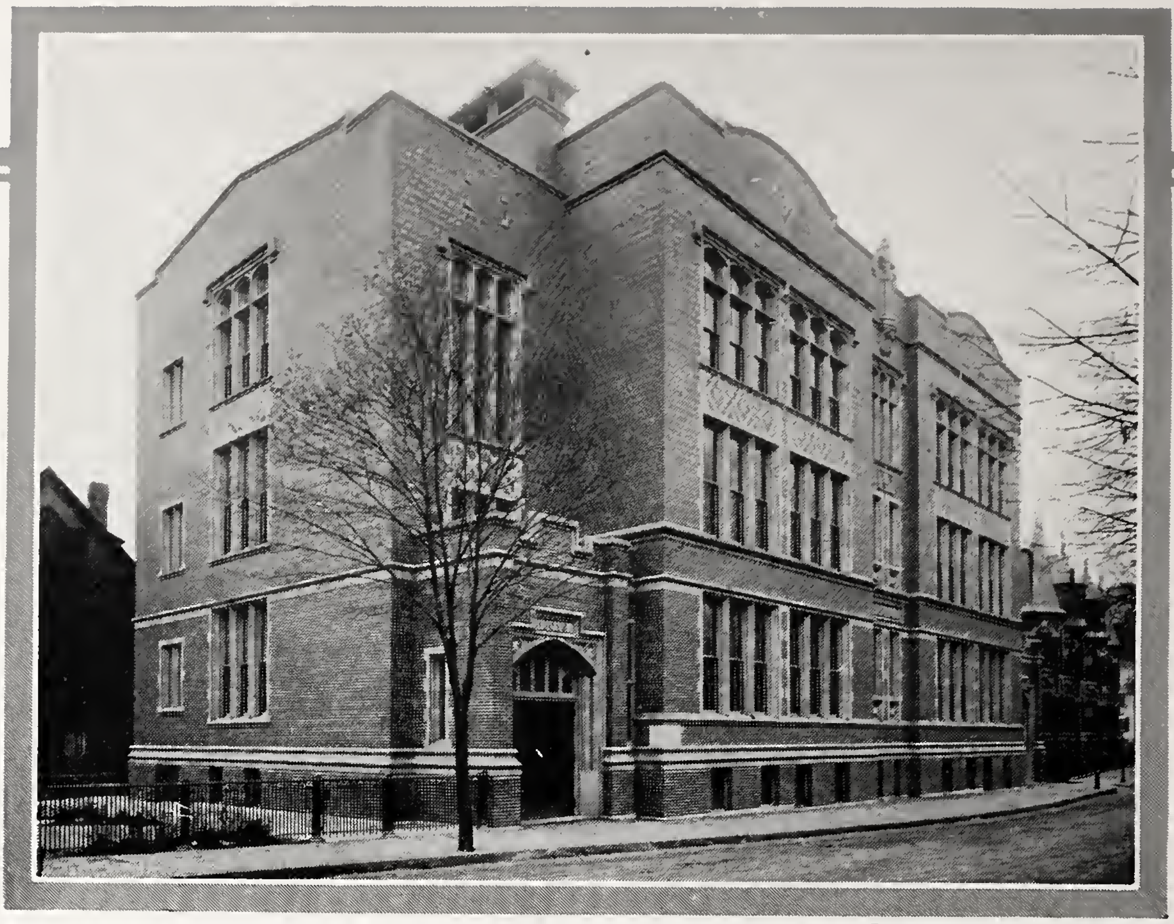

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St. Paul's School, Worcester

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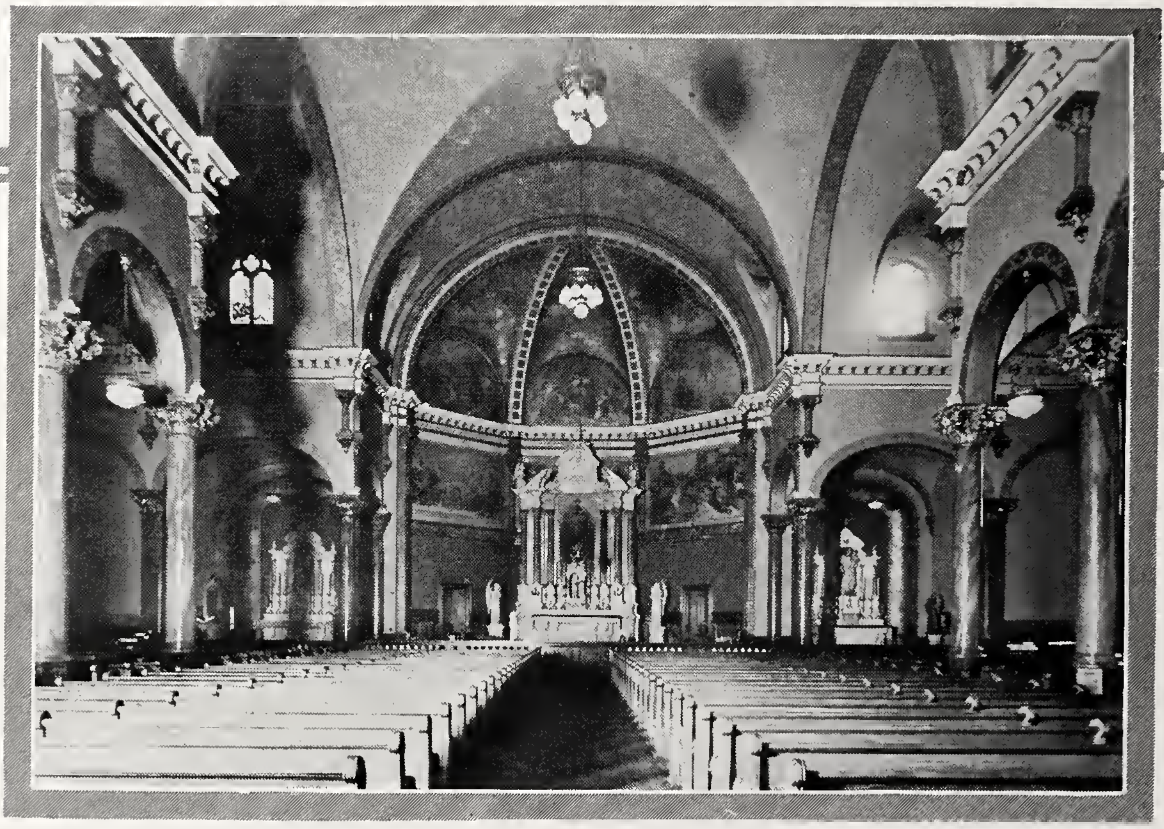

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St. Stephen's Impressive Group, Worcester
Church, School, Convent. Rev. John J. Lunney, Pastor.

Yet, this sorely tried parish arose above all petty resentment, and sent to Civil War battlefields its McCaffreys, McConvilles and O'Neils, all regretting that they had but one life to give for their country, while their persecutors, in many cases, argued that, having only one life to give for their country, they would make it last as long as possible—at home.

In 1870, St. John's gave its pastor, Rev. P. T. O'Reilly, to become our first bishop, and his successor was the never-to-be-forgotten Monsignor Griffin, in whose apostolic achievements the earlier days lived again. He built churches in Holden and Stoneville, collected funds for the Sacred Heart and Immaculate Conception foundations, brought the Sisters of Providence to found St. Vincent's, in 1893, established a parish school for girls in 1872, a second for boys in 1891 and justly became a domestic prelate in 1889. Worcester's "old timers" still remember the upright figure, sturdy walk, hearty greeting of this warhorse of the faith, whose charities were city wide, and who, after ruling for forty years a parish which at times approached fifteen thousand souls, died poor in this world's goods, but a millionaire in the golden deeds that are currency at the exchequer of God.

His successor was the soul of mildness and priestliness, Father Thomas Donoghue, on whose death Bishop O'Leary appointed the present pastor, Rev. Edward J. Fitzgerald, under whom old St. John's, though its people are fleeing elsewhere before the inroads of commerce, has flourished as of yore. To this day, many from other parishes go back to their first love for Sunday Mass, and St. John's devotions are a veritable religious magnet which draw from all parts of the city. Father Fitzgerald, a forceful pulpit orator and systematic organizer, has renovated the entire property and added the fine high school and gymnasium buildings, to which even Holy Cross has recourse for some of its athletic contests.

BACK in 1856, Rev. John J. Power, later on vicar general of our diocese, founded Worcester's second parish, St. Ann's, with its first church a small one on Shrewsbury Street. In 1864, he brought the Sisters of Mercy, who opened up the first public hospital in the "Heart of the Commonwealth." In 1866, Father Power purchased land for St. Paul's, in the completed basement of which he said the first Mass, in

St. John's High School, Worcester. Rev. Edward J. Fitzgerald, Pastor. Xaverian Brothers in charge.

John W. Donohue, Architect

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St. Peter's High School, Worcester. Rev. John J. Bell, Pastor. Sisters of St. Joseph in charge.

1869. He thereupon relinquished St. Ann's, which passed to the able hands of Rev. Denis Scannell, whom all who knew remember as the soul of charitableness, the sympathetic confessor, the comforter in the sick room, and withal, the personification of hospitality. A generous people seconded his every suggestion, and, in 1884, the present St. Ann's lifted its majestic steeples over the city. Father Scannell's death caused universal regret — the whole city appeared to feel the loss of a tried and true friend.

His successor, the Rev. James B. Tuite, proceeded to complete Father Scannell's work by building a parish school and convent, which still care for the education of the parish children, though many of St. Ann's parishioners are moving to other parts of the city. The eloquent Dr. McCoy and the genial Father Kenny both went from the pastorate of St. Ann's to render the last account of their priestly stewardship. The present pastor, Rev. William McCaughan, LL.D., has manfully faced the double problem of a dwindling population and expenses that do not dwindle, and has won the confidence of his people by keeping every parish activity in full operation. He is a scholarly man and gifted speaker, with a fund of the geniality that makes him approachable, and the kindness that makes him loved.

Our Lady of Vilna Church, Worcester. Rev. C. A. Vasys, Pastor.

REV. JOHN J. POWER said the first Mass in the basement of Worcester's third parish church, St. Paul's, Independence Day, 1869, and had completed the present superb granite pile in 1874. After this lapse of years, it is still the queen of Worcester's churches. Father Power took the Sisters of Mercy from St. Ann's to St. Paul's, where they opened a home for the care of the orphan and the aged. Today, they care for the orphan girls at Worcester and the orphan boys at Nazareth, in Leicester, while from humble beginnings at Worcester has grown a commodious home for working girls.

For over forty years, Father Power was a man of light and leading in Worcester, served on many public boards, and commanded the respect of all classes and the esteem of his own people. His pulpit utterances could not be called fervid oratory, but, for thirty years, he preached the lenten courses in the same church, and standing room was at a premium to the very end. His successor, Rev. William F. Goggin, renovated the entire interior of the glorious church, at a price that

John W. Donohue, Architect

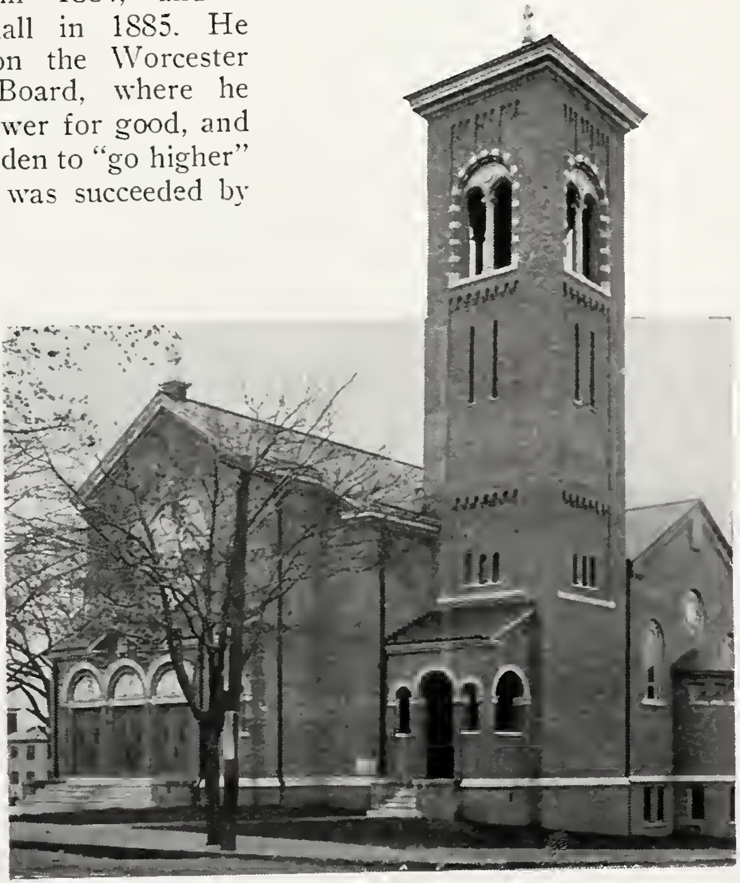
ST. CASIMIR'S SCHOOL, WORCESTER

Rev. A. Petraitis, Pastor. Sisters of St. Casimir in charge.

would build a good-sized church, and constructed the parish school. He was an affable gentleman, who accomplished lasting results without any special display, and added a parish school building to the St. Paul's property. On his death, Bishop O'Leary appointed Rev. John D. McGann to take up the leadership of St. Paul's, and Father McGann, who had just rebuilt his Westboro church within a year of its destruction by fire, assumed the arduous duties of St. Paul's with the experience of years and the vitality of youth. He threw the entire basement into one large chapel, multiplied Masses to meet the convenience of his people, detected a flaw in the original structure, which, if not corrected, might have led to serious results, and constructed a rectory to replace the one too small for a parish which now demands the services of five priests. Father McGann's vigilant leadership is thus rapidly bearing fruit in parish improvements.

IN 1873, Rev. Robert Walsh, still remembered in Worcester as the typical "soggarth aroon," was made pastor of the new parish at the north end, the Immaculate Conception, together with Holden and Rutland missions. In 1878, he had the present church ready for dedication. It was not until 1892 that he completed the fine rectory that is still in use. The present pastor is Rev. John P. McCaughan, but the present parish is not the old "Immaculate"; two new parishes have been cut off, to facilitate the work of souls. The original parish not only covered the extensive north end of Worcester, but for fourteen years had Holden and Rutland churches to attend. St. Bernard's and Our Lady of the Rosary have been established from the original "Immaculate." Our Lady of the Rosary began independent existence during the regime of Rev. James Donohoe while St. Bernard's entered our family of parishes during Rev. M. J. Coyne's incumbency. Father McCaughan is a convincing speaker, an able administrator of parish finances, as Warren and Millville amply attest, a pastor who sympathizes with his people in their trials and always has a word of cheer and encouragement for all. He has never failed to win the confidence and affection of his flock.

IN 1880 the parish of the Sacred Heart, in South Worcester, was born, and Rev. Thomas J. Conaty was its first pastor. Yes, he is the same Father Conaty who championed the Irish Land League, and Home Rule, and the Temperance Cause, and was the head of the Catholic Summer School at Cliff Haven, rector of the Catholic University at Washington, and died Bishop of Los Angeles, California. However, he first dedicated the present Sacred Heart, in 1884, and a parish hall in 1885. He served on the Worcester School Board, where he was a power for good, and when bidden to "go higher" in 1897, was succeeded by



St. Bernard's Church, Worcester. Rev. George F. Flynn, Pastor.

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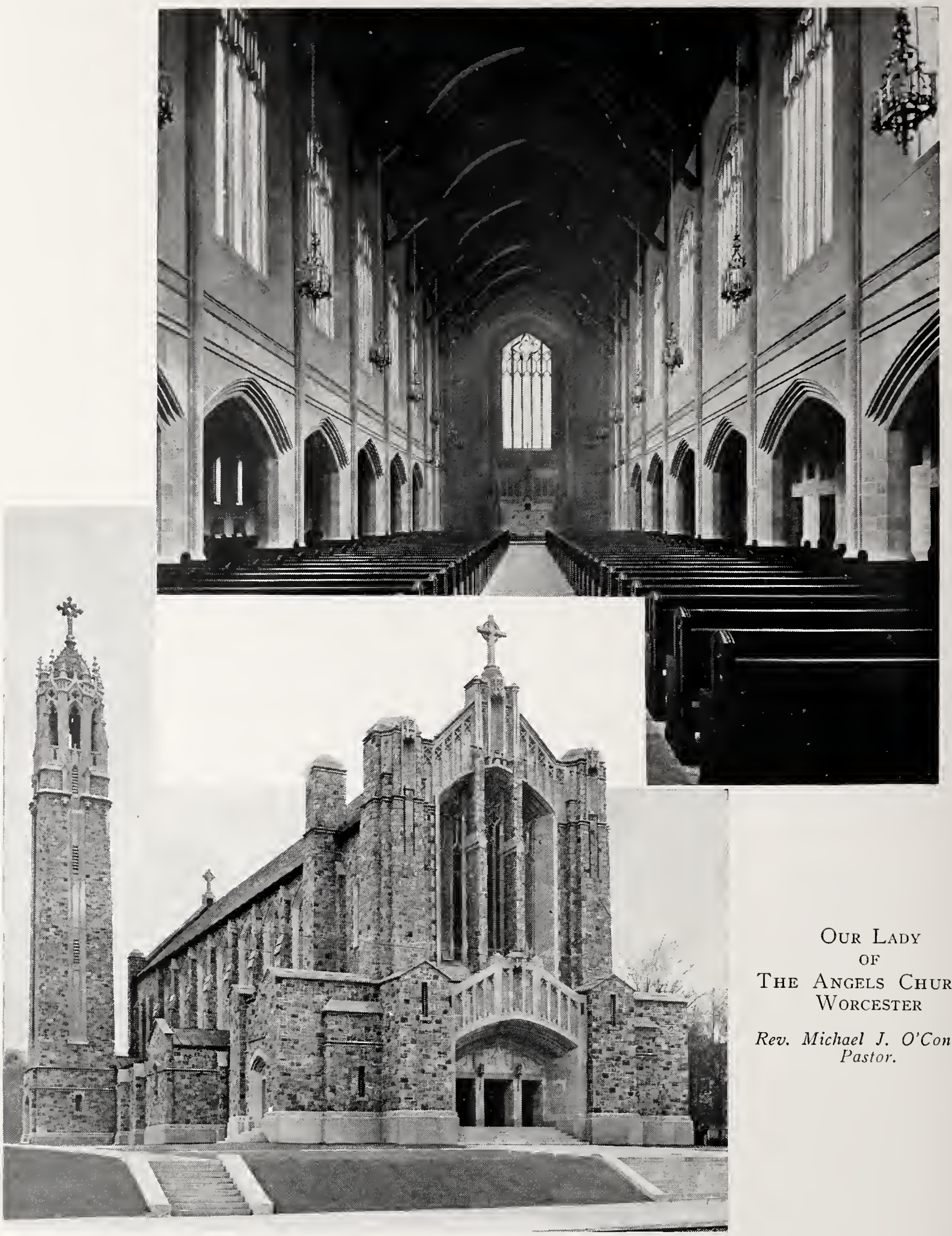

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OUR LADY
OF
THE ANGELS CHURCH,
WORCESTER

Rev. Michael J. O'Connell,
Pastor.

his brother, Rev. Bernard S. Conaty, present pastor of St. Joseph's, Pittsfield, and vicar general of our diocese, one of the first group to receive the purple under Bishop O'Leary. This soul of priestly sanctity and quiet force carried on the work of his distinguished brother, and organized every branch of parish life. The high standard of the Sacred Heart Sunday School was admired throughout the city. His immediate successor, Father Foley, did excellent work to clear the parish of financial burdens, and his successor, Rev. P. H. Boland, opened the parish school, a modern, well-equipped plant. Called to his reward this year, he has just been replaced by Rt. Rev. Msgr. John P. Phelan, of Whitinsville, whose successful administration there points to a bright future for Sacred Heart under his benign but firm rule. He too was with the first group whose labor resulted in his elevation to the honors of the purple.

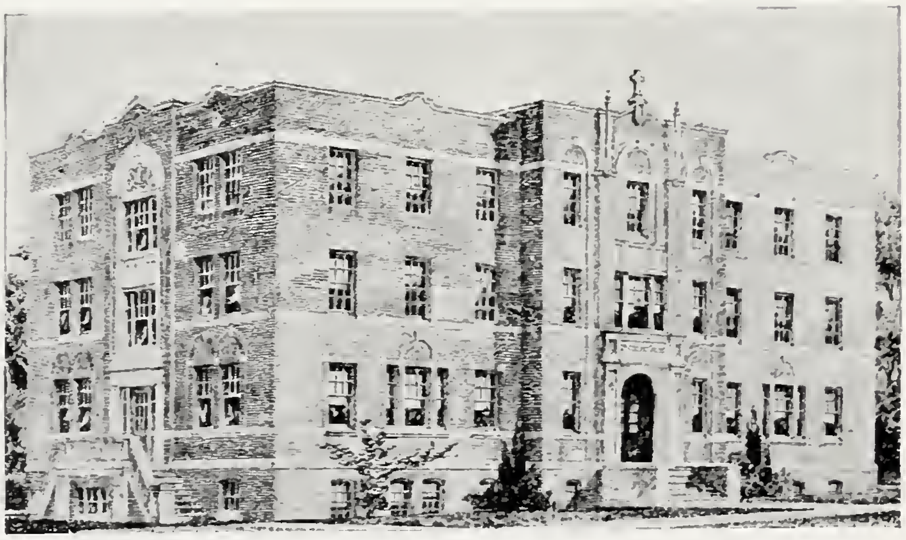
SACRED HEART, alone of Worcester's parishes, has not suffered further division. Old St. John's was divided again in 1887, when St. Stephen's became a parish and the eloquent Father Richard Burke was appointed first pastor. He erected a rectory and what was intended to be a temporary church. It was, however, so well built and adapted for Mass and Sunday School purposes that the building was used for nearly thirty years. It was dedicated the very year of the foundation of the parish, and the rectory was completed two years later. After the death of Father McGillicuddy, who became pastor in 1897, and who, for over a decade, did excellent work for the young parish, Rev. Thomas McLaughlin moved the rectory back and reared the present noble church which faces Grafton Street, from its commanding position in the angle at Grafton Square. Scarcely had Father McLaughlin added this achievement to a busy life and made a notable record in liquidating the debt, when he died suddenly after hurrying to administer the last sacraments to a dying parishioner.

Bishop O'Leary then appointed the present pastor, Rev. John J. Lunney, who dismantled the first church to make room for the convent and school, each the well known "last word" in appointments and completeness. Today, the whole group on Grafton Square is as striking a parish plant as one could well desire, and Father Lunney, who added these last buildings, is busily at work removing the mortgage encumbrances. His own boundless enthusiasm, seconded by the generosity of a people proverbially generous, will move even the mountains that are called mortgages, though his task is no easy one.

THE southern section of St. Paul's became a new parish under the title of St. Peter's, in 1884, and Rev. Daniel H. O'Neil was given the pastorate. He began humbly, with services in a public school, but ultimately built the first Catholic Church on Main Street; church and rectory cover the frontage of a city block, just opposite Clark University. This parish grew rapidly, because of an exodus from the older centres, on which business was crowding in, so that, when in 1916 Father Jas. J. Howard succeeded Father O'Neil whose regime lasted fully thirty years, the parish of the Holy Angels was established out towards the Leicester line. Nevertheless, Father Howard found it necessary to enlarge his church and multiply assistants, to meet the needs of his growing congregation.

He also built the splendid St. Peter's Grammar and High schools, models of school architecture and complete in every respect. Under him, sodality life flourished as never before. When death called him home, he was succeeded by Rev. John J. Bell, fresh from a mammoth work in debt liquidation at Clinton. Father Bell has already won a warm place in the hearts of his new parishioners, by his gentleness and consideration for all, a leader who leads by persuasion, without any apparent effort except being his natural, kindly self.

THE first pastor of Our Lady of the Angels, founded in 1916, is Rev. Michael J. O'Connell, one time a curate at St. Peter's, and conse-



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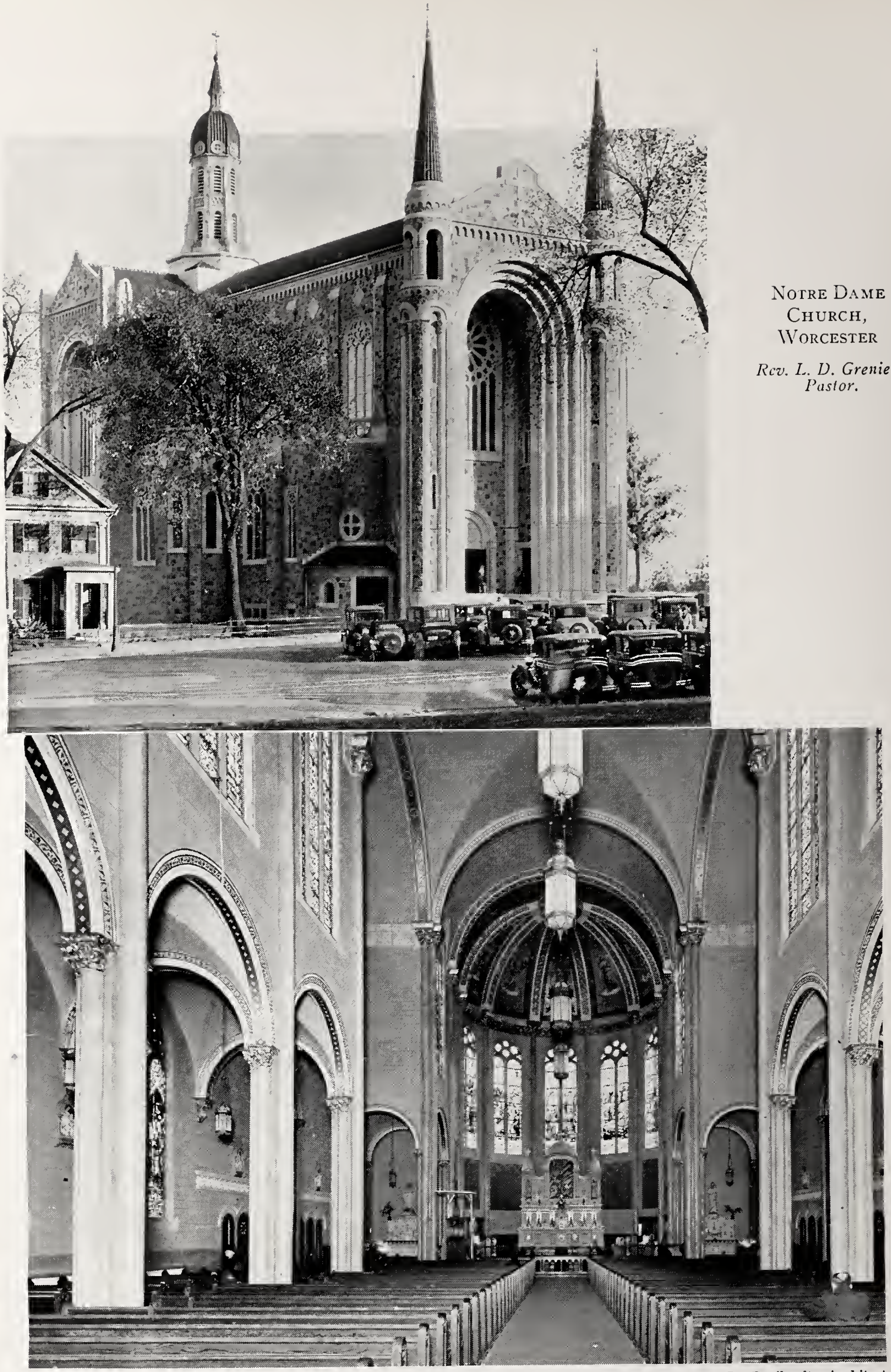

Notre Dame
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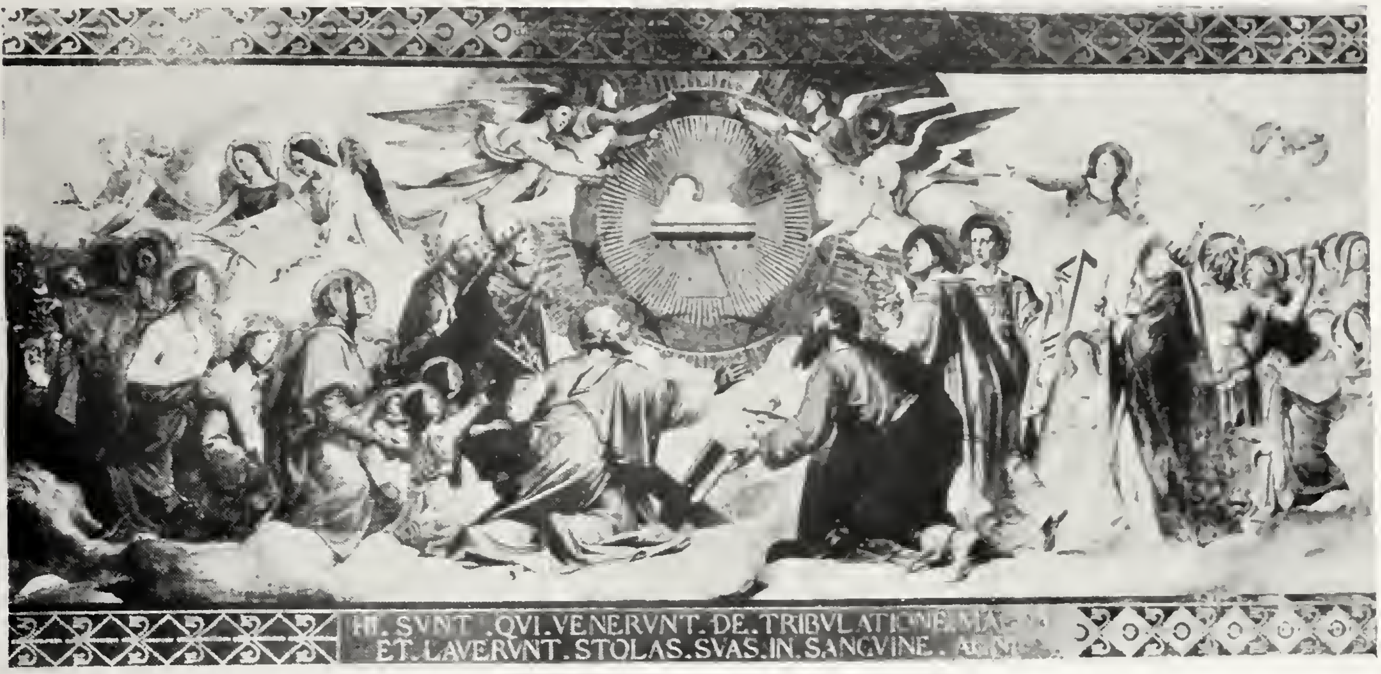
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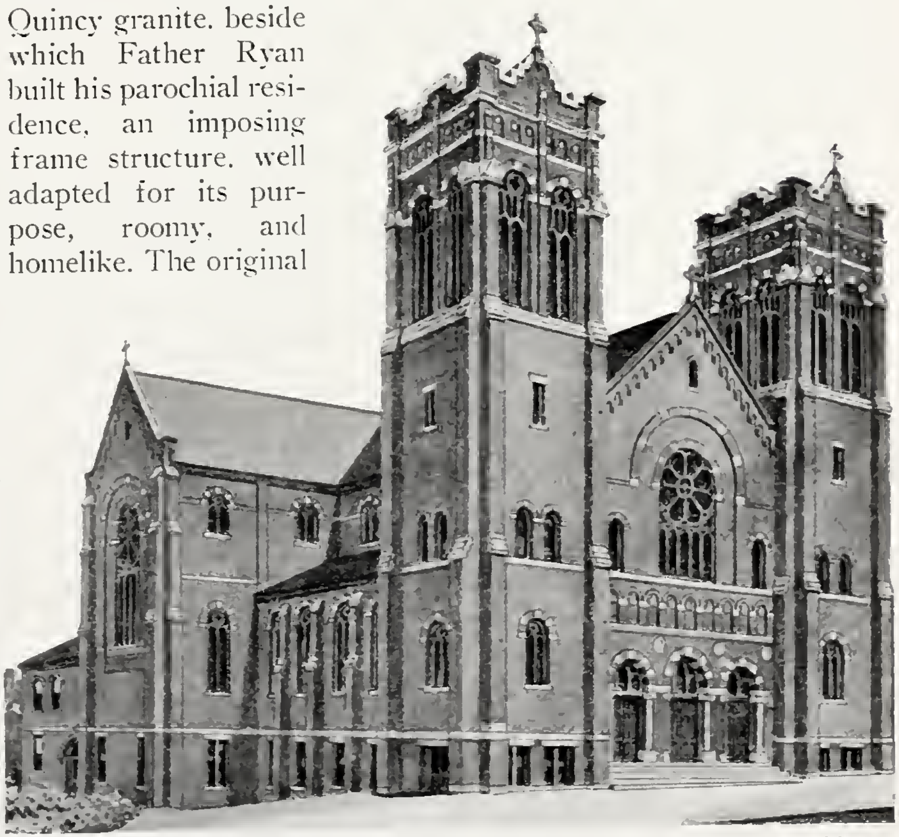
MURAL DECORATION, THE APOTHEOSIS OF MARTYRDOM,
ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH, WORCESTER

"These are they who came in great tribulation
And dyed their stoles in the Blood of the Lamb"

quently familiar with the people for whom he was appointed to organize a parish. For years, he used a temporary church, while he quietly collected funds for a suitable monument of his people's love for their Eucharistic Lord, and a suitable place on which to erect it. His patience and perseverance were crowned with success. He obtained a perfect site at the very portals of Worcester on its Main Street, and erected Our Lady of the Angels, like the mother church of St. Peter, on Worcester's main thoroughfare. It is a striking Gothic structure of Quincy granite, with a campanile whose graceful lines are visible far and wide, and has many unique features in its adaptation for parish purposes. Father O'Connell is a gifted musician and loves especially to embellish the musical features of the church ritual. He easily makes and keeps friends, and is assured of a united parish behind his future plans to clear his beautiful church of debt. A house which he purchased with the land, he transformed into a homelike and roomy rectory, for a fraction of what a similar rectory, new, would have cost.

ST. PAUL'S was divided in 1912 by the formation of the Blessed Sacrament parish, on the west side, of which Rev. William E. Ryan became the first pastor and still remains at the head of this flourishing and comparatively well-to-do flock. His first parish building was a school, the hall of which he used as a place of worship until he completed his church. The new Blessed Sacrament church, which nestles against the south side of Newton Hill, is a beautiful edifice of Quincy granite, beside which Father Ryan built his parochial residence, an imposing frame structure, well adapted for its purpose, roomy, and homelike. The original



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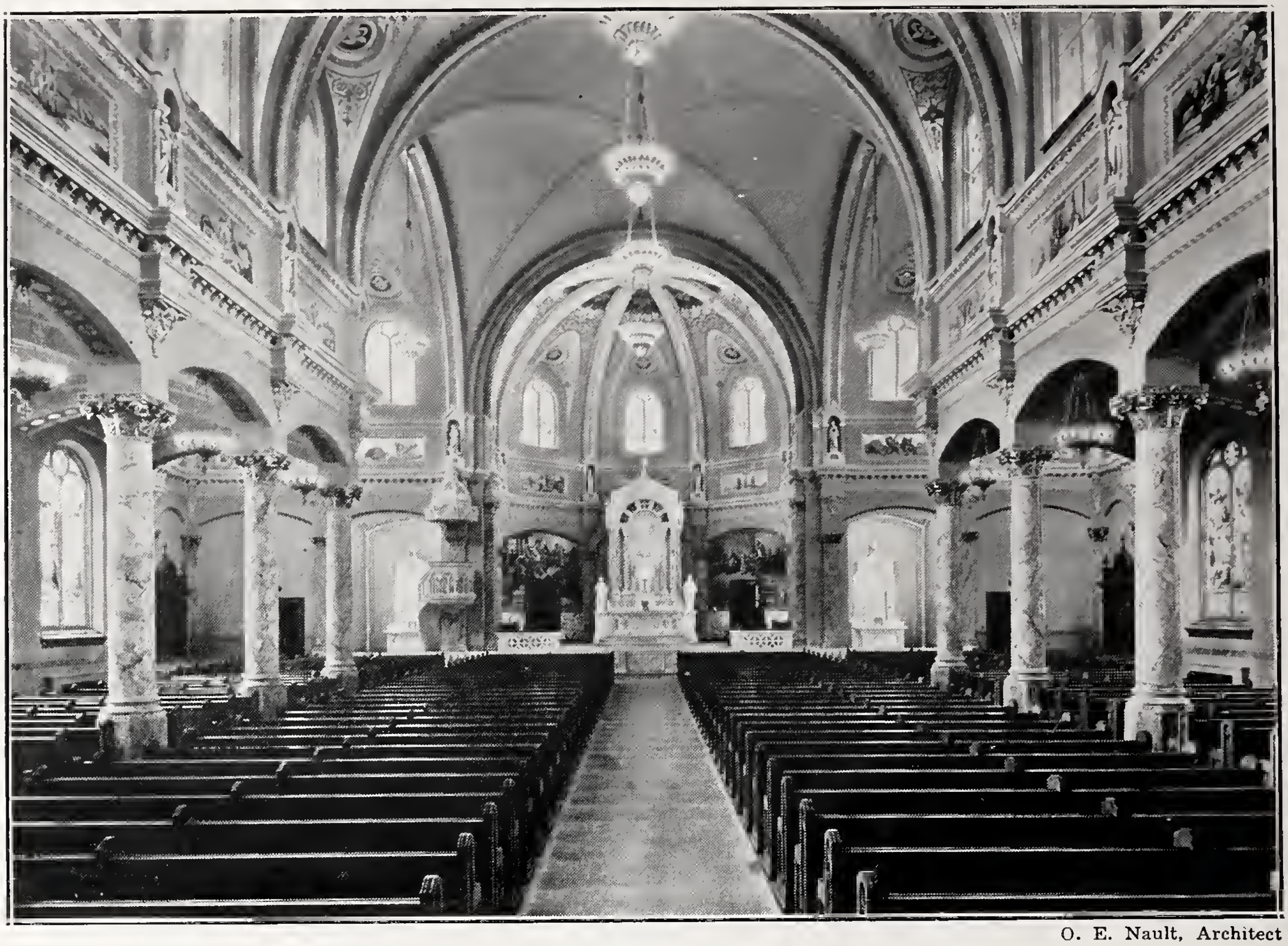

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INTERIOR VIEW OF ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH, WORCESTER
Rev. Wm. H. Ducharme, Pastor.

parish building is now given over entirely to school uses, and the three hundred pupils already fill it to capacity.

Father Ryan carefully planned his parish development, so that now, with the fruition of his plans, the indebtedness is not large. His is a winning personality, which gains and keeps the confidence of his people, whom he never tires of praising for their unswerving co-operation in the early days of parish struggles. Today, established in the confidence and affection of his flock, Father Ryan enjoys the happiness which comes with the completion of a well planned and executed program of parish growth.

THE last division of old St. John's came in 1911 with the erection of the present Ascension parish, of which the late Rev. James J. Farrell, LL.D., was the first pastor. Father Farrell was a genial, whole souled priest, deservedly popular among priests and people, especially devoted to his parish schools, erected by Monsignor Griffin in 1873, but scarcely was he well established in his new charge with a fitting home for himself and his assistants, when the grim reaper cut him down. He was succeeded by Rev. Joseph G. Daley, who has just completed a new parish rectory, to replace the one which Father Farrell had improvised by joining two houses.

O. E. Nault, Architect

St. Joseph's School, Worcester. Sisters of St. Ann in charge. Rev. W. H. Ducharme, Pastor.

Father Daley is a man of fine mental accomplishments, a gifted writer of several volumes, and withal a capable administrator in parochial affairs.

This growth to the south and west of Worcester was balanced by a similar Catholic increase at the north end, where the Immaculate Conception has been twice divided, in 1911 to form the parish of the Holy Rosary, at Greendale, and in 1916 to set off the congregation of St. Bernard's.

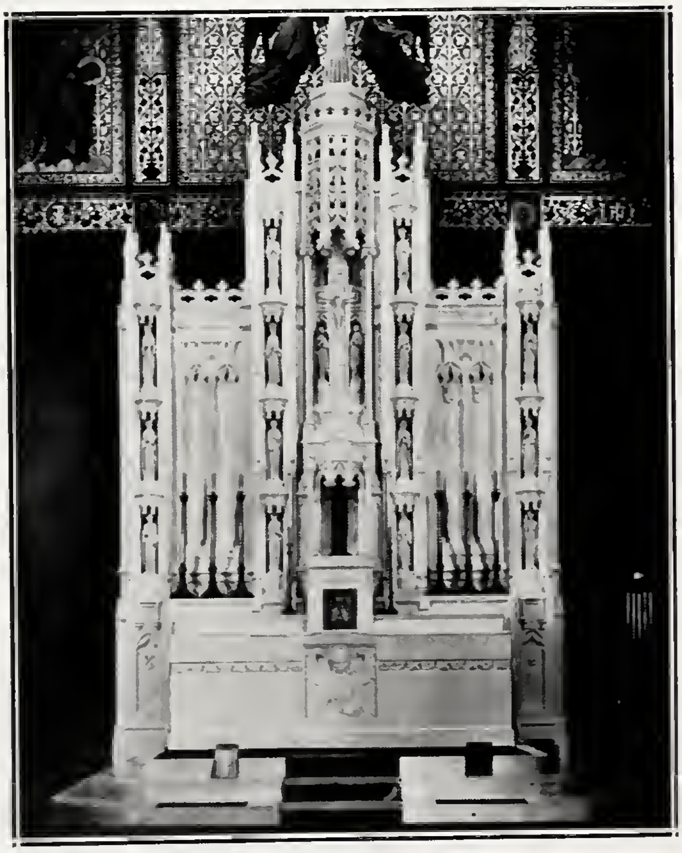
THE Holy Rosary Parish, composed of English and French speaking members, had, as its first pastor, Rev. Gedeon Fontaine, who built a church and purchased a home for the clergy. His successor was Rev. Joseph Brochu, and, on his promotion to Aldenville, Fr. Paul Roy replaced him. All worked hard to raise the money necessary to carry out a building program. The present pastor is Rev. Richard A. Riley, a fluent bi-linguist. His efforts have already resulted in the enlarging of the church to meet the needs of a growing population, and the erection of a new rectory, and placed the parish on a sound financial basis, while multiplying the sodality organizations which promote the care of souls. Father Riley also cared for the mission at Oakdale until it became a separate parish, last year. He is a pleasant, approachable shepherd, who rules by gentleness rather than strenuosity, and always enlists the warmest support of his flock.

THE first pastor of St. Bernard's is still in charge of the Lincoln Street parish—Rev. George F. Flynn, who came to Worcester from Upton in 1916. For years, he carried on unaided and now has two assistants. Father Flynn, whose previous pastoral labors in Upton won him deserved promotion to his Worcester parish, is a man of great initiative, most successful in all financial projects, a methodical and careful custodian of parochial resources, a forceful speaker, and a prime favorite with his people, in whom his confidence is unbounded. He is always interested in community as well as parish interests, and is at present one of the most active members of Worcester's Board of Parks and Recreation.

Through his efforts, St. Bernard's now has a beautiful Gothic house of worship, which enjoys a splendid outlook over Worcester, while well situated for the convenience of the parishioners, and nearby a spacious rectory, which he has remodeled and renovated to meet his needs admirably. He recently installed a costly organ of rare tonal quality, and its dedication was an event long to be remembered in musical circles.

THOUGH the growth of Worcester's French speaking population was less rapid, it was none the less steady and healthy, and where Notre Dame cared for all the French Canadians prior to 1886, four parishes, three of them decidedly thriving, now care for the same territory. In 1869, Rev. J. B. Primeau was made the first pastor of Notre Dame. This parish developed a penchant for buying and dedicating Protestant temples to Catholic use. Its first church had been used by the Methodists, and the one which the parish has just discarded was a historic Baptist temple. Father Primeau covered his extensive territory until 1883, and opened the parish schools in 1881. He labored in Notre Dame for thirteen years, and after a short stay by two others, Father Brouillet came in 1883. During his time, in 1892, the Grey Nuns came to begin their work of caring for the orphans, and the Franciscan Sisters opened their asylum for the aged on Granite Street. Both filled a long felt want and have expanded and enlarged their accommodations, up to the present day.

Father Brouillet also did much to "bring the church to the people" by building chapels in various parts of the city, to save the people the long



Main Altar, Blessed Sacrament Church, Worcester. Rev. W. E. Ryan, Pastor.

trip to the parish church, which then occupied the present position of the Bancroft Hotel. These chapels were the first places of worship in what are now St. Joseph's and Holy Name parishes. He purchased in addition, the Fox Mill property at Vernon Square on which St. Anthony's parish buildings now stand.

A disastrous fire destroyed old Notre Dame church, which was never rebuilt. Instead, the land was sold and the Baptist Church on Salem Square was purchased, and, with necessary changes, became a Catholic place of worship. Its basement served for years as the parish school, until the present pastor, Rev. L. D. Grenier, erected a new and thoroughly modern school plant on Orange Street, where nearly five hundred grammar and high school pupils receive a Catholic education.

Once the education of his children was provided for, Father Grenier turned his attention to a new church. The Baptist church which the parish had purchased was large enough, but it was a frame building, had seen long service, had no parish hall, etc. The site was a superb one, on historic Salem Square, directly across from the sightly Common. A successful "drive" for funds proved that his plans were feasible, and soon the walls and towers of new Notre Dame mounted to the sky. The church was dedicated a year ago, and constitutes a real addition to the "picture places" of Worcester, and the noble homes of our Eucharistic Lord which grace our diocese. The plan was an ambitious one, carried out with enthusiasm. All its appointments, glorious windows, artistic pulpit, graceful altar, are in keeping, so that Notre Dame ranks with the best houses of worship in our Springfield fold.

Architectural detail above Sanctuary of Blessed Sacrament Church, Worcester.

THE first division of Notre Dame was St. Joseph's, on the side of Grafton Hill, of which Rev. Jules Graton became the first pastor, in 1891. He used the mission chapel built by the pastor of Notre Dame, who also had begun the construction of a new church before the division took place. Father Graton completed the church, built a rectory and school, and opened his parish school in 1896. With the coming of Rev. J. C. Allard, who had already established a reputation as a financier at Turners Falls, the debt was quickly and systematically reduced and a new school and convent erected. The present pastor, Rev. William H. Ducharme, followed Father Allard, and immediately constructed an imposing church and well-planned rectory, near the new school and convent, so that today the entire group of St. Joseph's, a most impressive and adequate one, has been transferred from its old position on Wall Street to a compact site, facing on Hamilton

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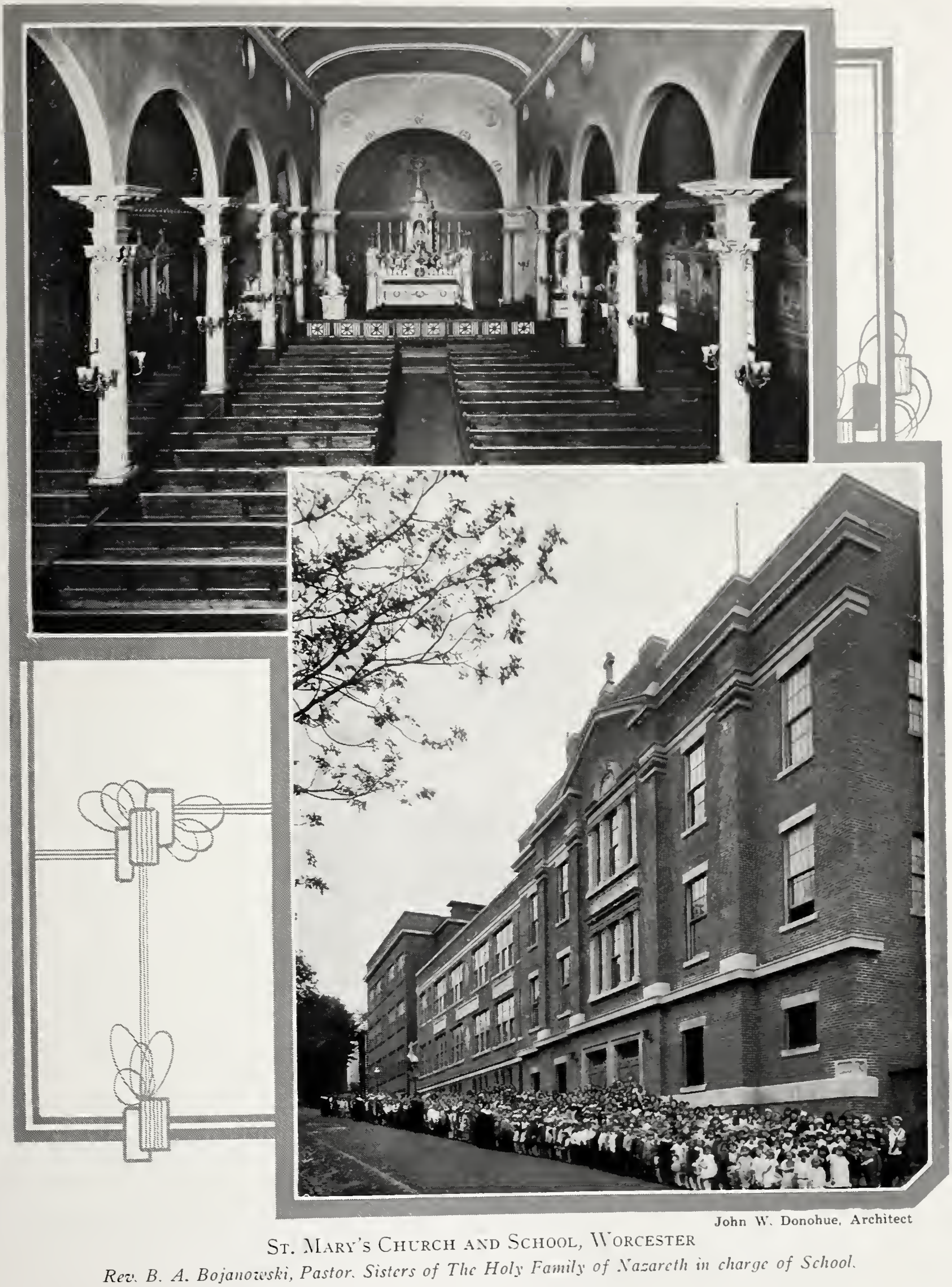
Blessed Sacrament Church, Worcester. Rev. William E. Ryan, Pastor.



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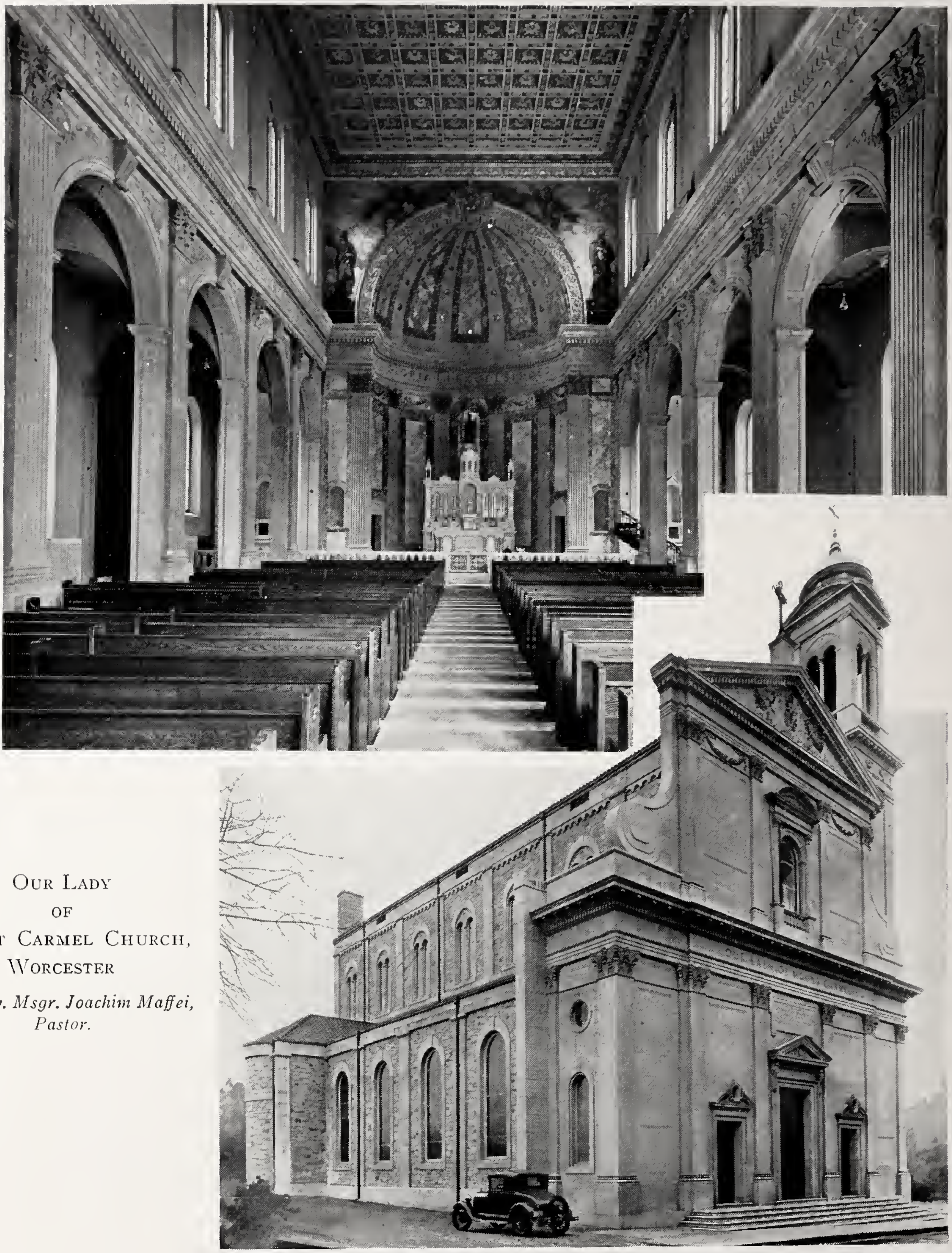
ST. MARY'S CHURCH AND SCHOOL, WORCESTER

Rev. B. A. Bojanowski, Pastor. Sisters of The Holy Family of Nazareth in charge of School.



Our Lady
of
Mount Carmel Church,
Worcester

Very Rev. Msgr. Joachim Maffei,
Pastor.

Raymond C. Gorrani, Architect

Street. Father Ducharme has carried out his extensive plans with energy and tact, and has given his people a parish plant in which they may take pardonable pride. His school ranks with the largest in the diocese: over nine hundred pupils are on its roll call.

IN 1893 the southern section of the mother parish of the French Canadians, Notre Dame, was cut off to form the new parish of the Holy Name, and for over thirty years had the late Rev. J. E. Perreault as its pastor. Father Perreault advanced as rapidly as his financial circumstances would permit, lived in a modest rectory, conducted divine worship in the basement of his future church, but opened his school five years after the foundation of the parish. When the state of the parish treasury justified it, he completed his church which, with its two stately towers, fronts on Main Street, across University Park. He then proceeded to the construction of a roomy, sightly convent. With his parish plans completely carried out, Father Perreault, a veteran of twoscore years and ten in the priesthood, resigned and retired to the Grey Nuns' Worcester asylum, where he passed his remaining years as chaplain of the orphans whom he loved. His successor, Father Joseph A. Dalpe, enlarged and beautified the rectory, so that, today, Holy Name has four striking buildings, all fronting on the same street and in plain sight of Main Street. The buildings form a graceful background for the public park, and the park furnishes a pleasing outlook for the Holy Name group. Father Dalpe is a capable, pious, gentle priest, especially devout to Our Eucharistic Lord, and an experienced director of souls.

THE youngest of Worcester's French parishes, St. Anthony's, founded in 1904, has had a hard road to travel, owing to the initial cost of the church property and the exodus of its people to more desirable residential districts. The double handicap of a dwindling population and a crushing debt has hindered the parish in many ways. Schools and a hall for church services were opened in the buildings of Fox's Mills, found on the land, by Rev. J. E. Chicoine, the first pastor. So dire did the financial straits of the struggling parish become under Father Lord that the school was closed and the school rooms rented to the Polish parish of St. Mary's. However, the present capable pastor who succeeded the kindly Rev. Paul Hanotel, deceased, Rev. J. S. Desautels, D.D., has done much to improve the parish property, and under his supervision, the parish outlook is improving. He has leased a part of the parish property for a commercial enterprise; has disposed of some land to the city for street widening, and this has lightened the financial burden to such an extent that the parish schools have reopened.

BACK in 1894, the first Polish and Lithuanian contingents had become numerous enough to form the parish of St. Casimir, under Father Jakcztys. Later on, both had increased in numbers enough to justify separate congregations, and so the Polish people organized the present sturdy parish of St. Mary, in 1903, with Father Moneta as first pastor.

ST. CASIMIR'S, under Rev. John Jakaitis, opened its parish school which today is attended by over five hundred pupils. The parent parish increased so rapidly that the new congregation of Our Lady of Vilna was entrusted to the late Fr. Julius Caplekas in 1925. Its present pastor, Rev. C. A. Vasys, has completed a rectory and the church itself has a most commanding site on the brow of the hill facing Holy Cross. The present pastor of St. Casimir's is Rev. A. Petrai-

Ascension School, Worcester. Rev. J. G. Daley, Pastor. Sisters of Notre Dame in charge.

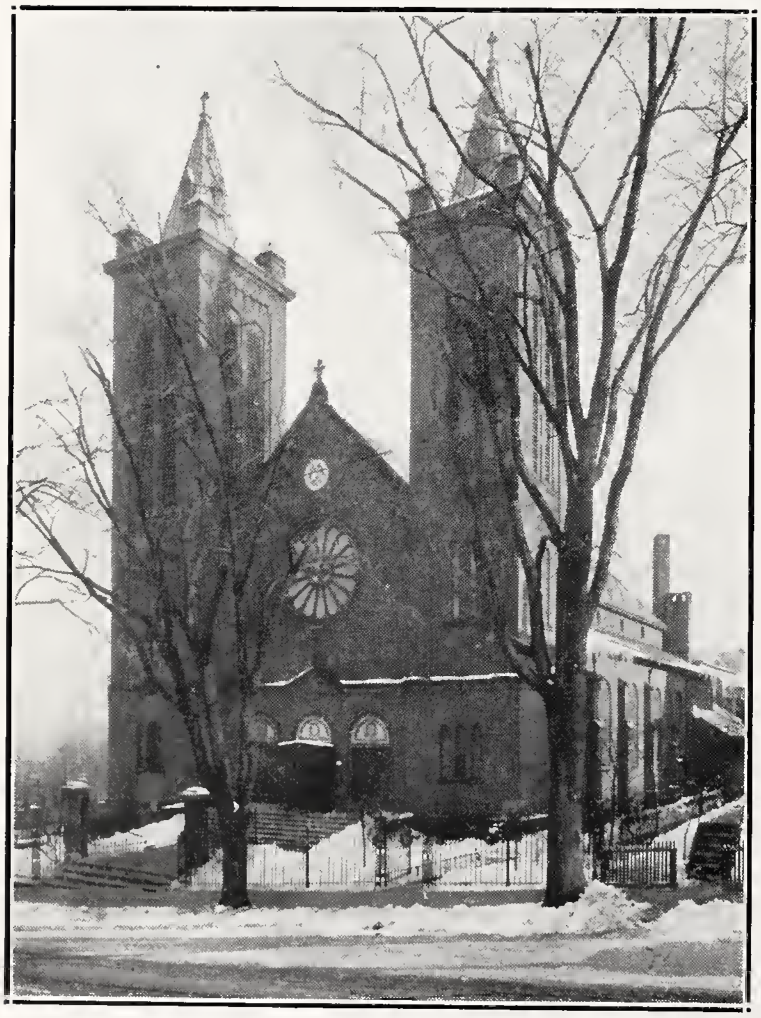
tis, who practically founded the Lithuanian parish of Athol before going to Worcester.

St. Mary's Polish congregation of Worcester was formed in 1903, with Reverend Father Moneta as its first pastor. After completing the church, he gave way to Reverend Father Redden, the courtly and capable leader who remained until his death in 1913, whereupon he was succeeded by Rev. Joseph Tomikowski, for a year and a half. Then came Rev. B. Bojanowski, fresh from the establishment of a Polish parish in Pittsfield, and he still continues to guide St. Mary's spiritual destinies. The parish church was erected in 1905, its first school building followed in 1915, and in 1926 Father Bojanowski added a new building, which contains classrooms, hall, gymnasium, society quarters, and is, in brief, a well-planned community centre for the activities of a large and growing population. Himself a teacher of experience, in his native Poland, Father Bojanowski has given special attention to his schools, which, under the Sisters of Nazareth, have become the largest in our diocesan ranks.

When the Italians first began to come to Worcester in any numbers, they were given in charge to Rev. M. P. Kavanagh, then assistant at St. Stephen's, but in 1905 were organized into the new parish of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, which worshipped in a former Swedish church on Mulberry Street. There the first pastor, who still remains, Very Rev. Msgr. Joachim Maffei, has developed a spirit of unity and generous support which resulted in 1930 in a very beautiful new church. This leaves the old one to be used as a parish social center. Though the parish has no parochial schools, it has conducted a Sunday School, which, with an exceptional corps of teachers, has done wonders to instill the doctrine of the Saviour into the minds of the coming generation. The Italian people of Worcester, during Monsignor Maffei's pastorate, have become a united, self-respecting group, and more than once have strongly defended the faith against public attack and the insinuating propaganda of would-be social meddlers.

Another youthful daughter in Worcester's family of Catholic parishes is the St. Margaret Mary group, on the shores of Lake Quinsigamond. The first pastor, who is still at the head of this flock, is Rev. James T. Hanrahan, who came to Worcester from Stockbridge, in 1922. He has a somewhat scattered flock, many of whom find it more convenient to attend other churches. However, Father Hanrahan's gentle but persevering methods have welded all into a united parochial household. He held his earlier services in the K. of C. hall, but has since been obliged to enlarge his permanent church. Pious, studious, a talented linguist, Father Hanrahan has won the confidence of a heterogeneous flock, and has laid the foundation of a bright future by his fine work for the Christian instruction of his parish children. His parish is territorial, and includes English speaking, French and Italian elements, all of whom have been won by persevering patience, into a growing parochial consciousness.

THE cosmopolitan character of Worcester's Catholicity is reflected in the presence of two eastern congregations, both established in 1924—the Maronite parish of Our Lady of Mercy, of which Rev. George Sebhlani is spiritual head, and the Melchite Church, of which Rev. Polycarpe Warde is in charge. The former belongs to the Syriac rite, which claims St. James as its founder; the latter to the Byzantine rite, which uses Arabic in its liturgy, except at solemn functions, when the service is in Greek.



St. Casimir's Church, Worcester. Rev. Augustine Petraitis, Pastor.

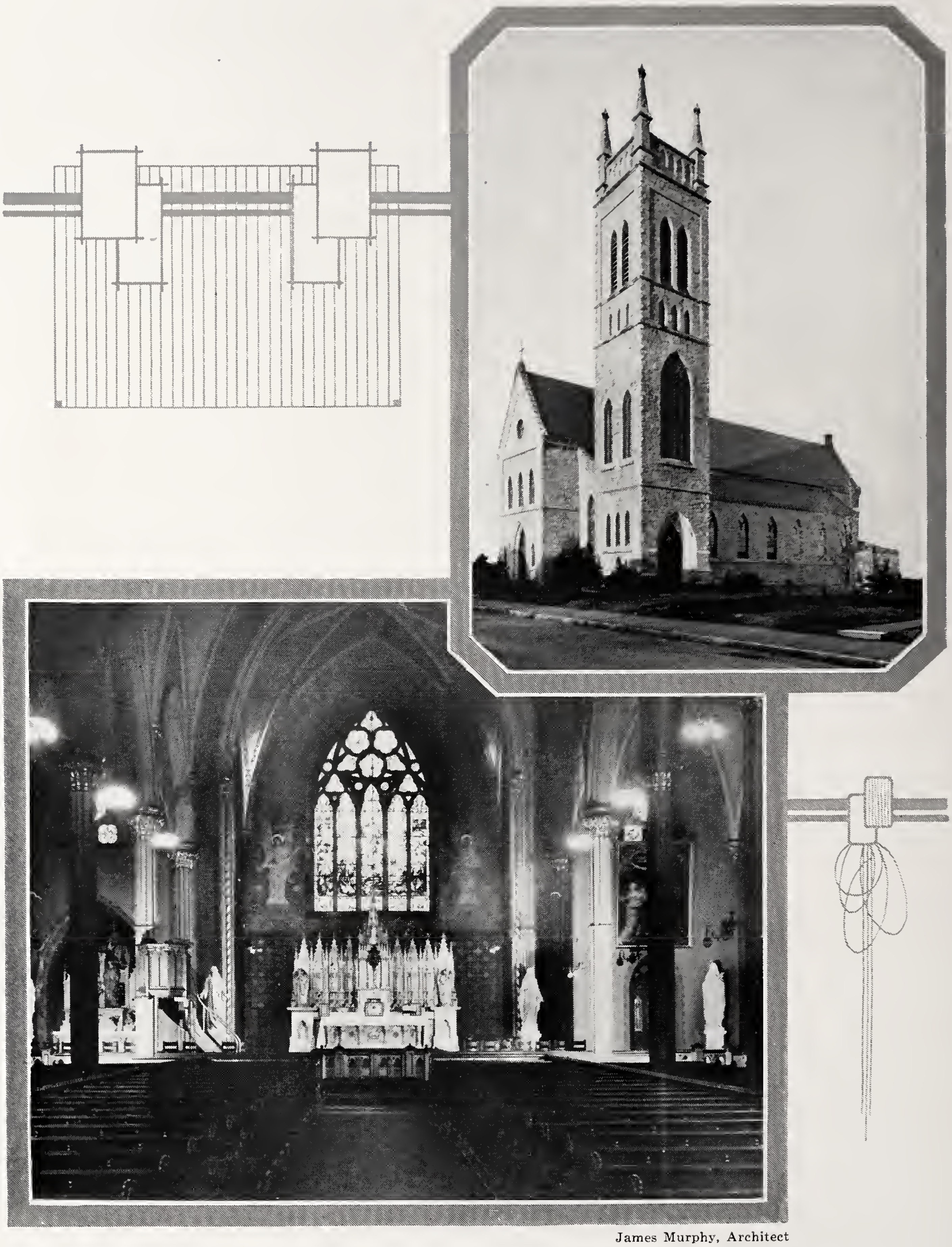
Father Meigneault

IN MEMORIAM

Reverend Napoleon Meigneault

First Pastor of St. Louis' Church in Webster

Indefatigable missionary who cared for Southbridge, Oxford, Spencer, Brookfield, Warren and Barre, at times risking life and health. Twenty parishes now flourish in territory which he covered alone.



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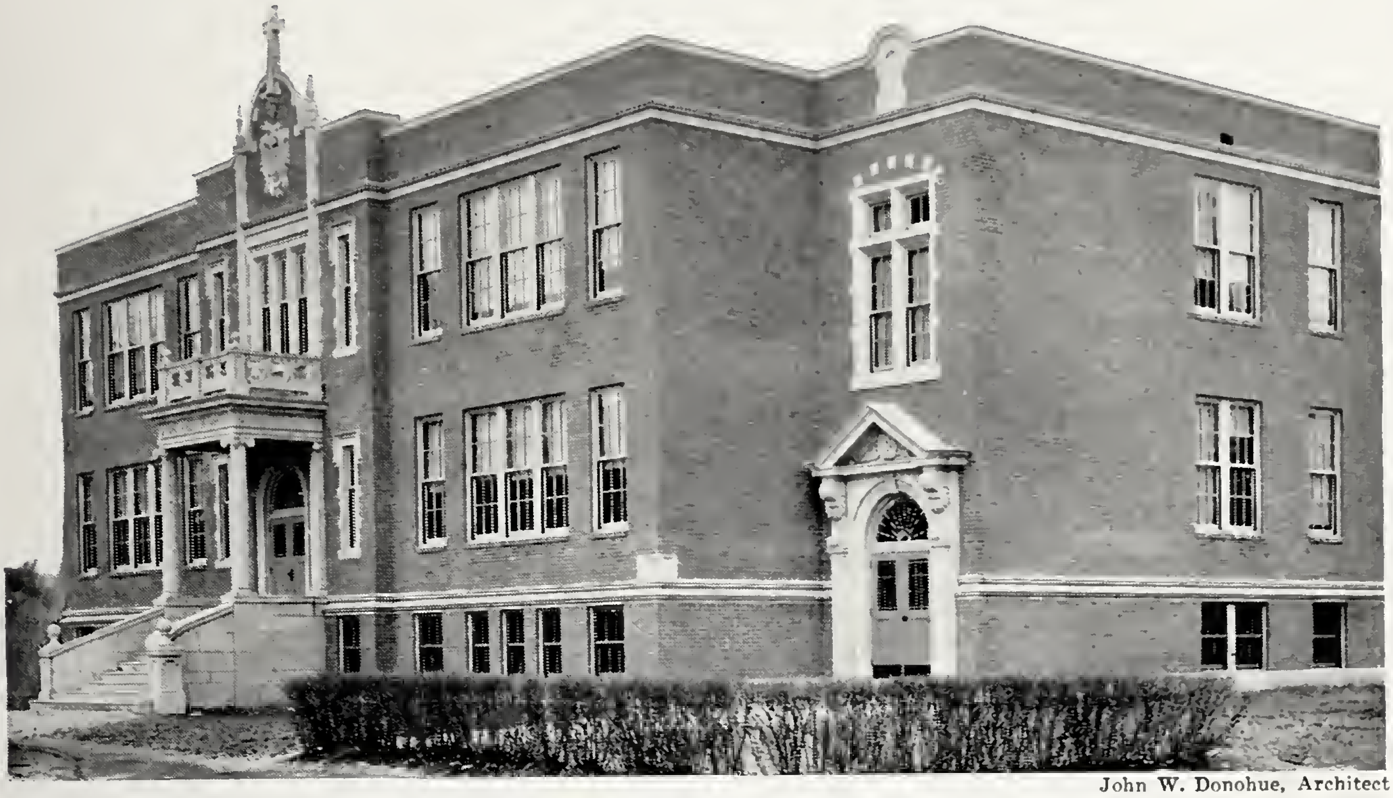
ST. MARY'S CHURCH, MILFORD
Rev. J. A. Riordan, Pastor.

Worcester, a Center of Missionary Activity



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St. Paul's School, Blackstone
Rev. Thomas P. Smith, Pastor. Sisters of St. Joseph in charge.

From Worcester as a radiating center, the Catholic faith spread in all directions. The Irish laborers, working on the Providence Canal and the Providence Railroad, carried it with them to the towns of the Blackstone Valley, and paved the way for future parishes.

The parish of St. Paul's, in Blackstone, was established in 1852, but the first Mass was offered there by the tireless Father Fitton, probably in 1834. Under the first pastor, Rev. Charles O'Reilly, Blackstone was an active missionary center which cared for all the surrounding towns. The land for the church was the gift of a non-Catholic mill owner. The original church has been remodelled and enlarged into the present stone structure. For thirty years, Rev. Wm. H. Power was pastor of this parish, and under him the church was enlarged and beautified. The present pastor, Rev. Thomas P. Smith, was rector of St. Michael's Cathedral, previous to being named pastor at Blackstone. He has rounded out the parochial plant by the erection of a splendid grammar school and convent. Father Smith, a man of

St. Mary's High School, Milford. Rev. J. A. Riordan, Pastor. Sisters of St. Joseph in charge.

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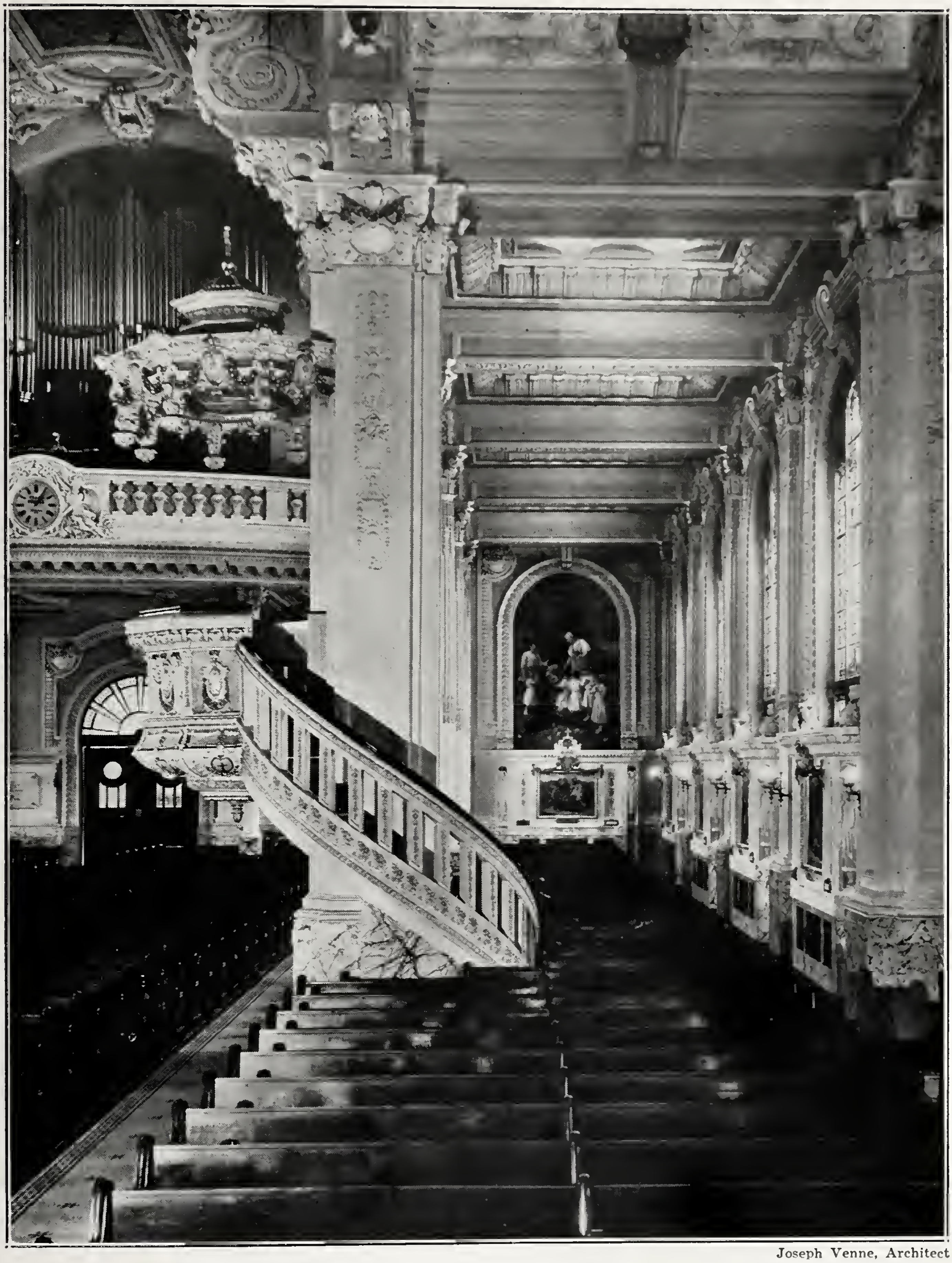
ST. MARY'S SCHOOL GROUP, MILFORD
Rev. J. A. Riordan, Pastor. Sisters of St. Joseph in charge.

studious habits and scholarly attainments, is an effective speaker and a zealous worker who commands the respect and affection of his flock and wins their wholehearted co-operation with his leadership.

THOUGH the first Mass in Milford was probably not said as early as that in Blackstone, St. Mary's parish was created in 1850, with Rev. George Hamilton as first pastor. In 1857, Father Cuddihy, the sturdy missionary of the Berkshires, was assigned to Milford and ruled the spiritual destinies of this flock for over forty years. A giant physically and mentally, Father Cuddihy instructed his people unto righteousness and began the present St. Mary's group, one of the "picture groups" of the diocese. He used the famed Milford pink granite for the church, dedicated in 1869, and added the tower of the same material in 1890. Ireland's famed temperance advocate, Father Mathew, preached at the church dedication. Parish schools under the Sisters of Notre Dame were opened in 1880, and the granite grammar school was completed ten years later. After the brief pastorate of Father Canavan, during which the Sisters of St. Joseph took charge of the schools, Rev. D. F. McGrath was in charge for more than a decade. A man of energy and taste, Father McGrath beautified the church, graded the cemetery, and, relinquishing the former rectory to the teaching Sisters, purchased another home for the parish clergy. His successor, Father Grace, in a brief stay, did much to render the grounds attractive, and began the erection of St. Mary's High School, completed and dedicated by his successor, the present pastor, Rev. J. A. Riordan.

Father Riordan, an eloquent speaker, able administrator and kindly, zealous shepherd of souls, has accomplished wonders in both the spiritual and material administration of his charge. Under him, St. Mary's financial indebtedness has been rapidly reduced, the parish schools have flourished and frequent Communions have multiplied.

IN THE year 1905, the Italians were organized into a separate parish, the Sacred Heart, with Father Petrarca in charge. On his departure, the care of this flock was entrusted to



Joseph Venne, Architect

Notre Dame Church, Southbridge

Aisle on gospel side, showing magnificent pulpit. Rt. Rev. Msgr. L. O. Triganne, Pastor.

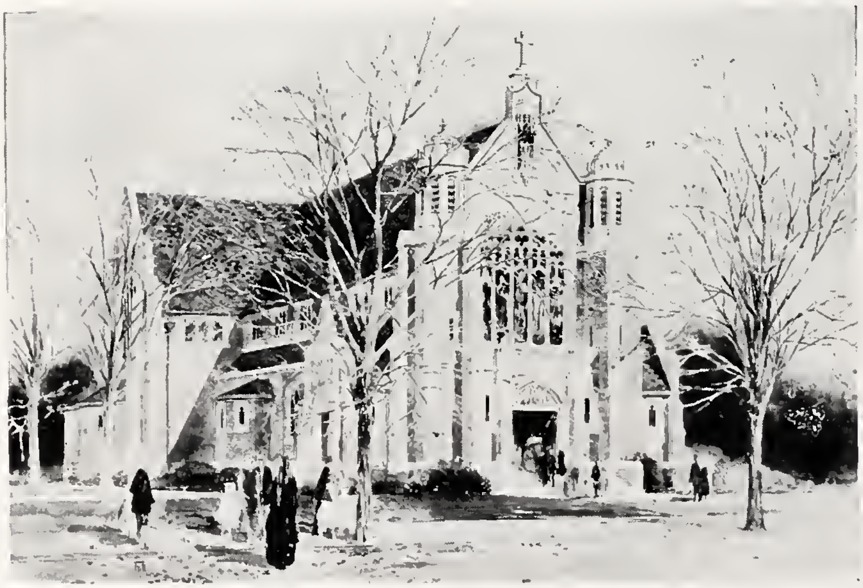
the Stigmatini Fathers, of Springfield, under whose superintending guidance Milford's Italian Catholics have made steady progress. Recently they dedicated a large basement, capable of seating twelve hundred, and a beautiful parish church will soon be completed. The Italian Catholics, whose present pastor is Rev. Raymond Dalla Porta, C.S.F., have progressed materially as well as spiritually, and number many professional and business men in their ranks.

THOUGH St. Bridget's, in Millbury, became a parish as early as 1851, and dedicated the present church that year, it again reverted to the status of a mission from Uxbridge and Worcester. The first Mass was celebrated in the church in 1850. Its parish status was restored in 1869, and, since then, the church was so completely renovated as to be almost a new church, under Fathers Goggin, Conlin and Griffin. The present pastor, Rev. Daniel M. Tully, who is also Diocesan Director of Charities, believes that the old frame church which housed our Eucharistic Lord since 1850 has served its holy purpose, and plans the erection of a more modern structure to replace it. He has already erected a new rectory. Fire destroyed the old one. Father Tully has been director of our diocesan charities for nearly two decades and has been especially zealous in caring for the orphan wards of the diocese. Under his capable management, Catholic orphans have been assured of Catholic homes and training, our day nursery system has been developed and priests have been appointed to safeguard the interests of Catholic children in our juvenile courts. He has interested many Catholic orders, notably the Foresters, in the welfare of these neglected children, with the result that the faith of hundreds has been safeguarded, while their material needs have been provided for.

IN 1884, the French speaking parishioners of St. Bridget's organized the separate parish of the Assumption under Rev. J. A. Charland. The parish church was completed in 1886. On Father Charland's death, parish finances were in so healthy a condition that initial steps were taken which resulted ultimately in the opening of a modern parish school, under Father Comtois. After the short stay of Father Jacques, came the present pastor, Father J. M. Marceau, who has shown marked ability in reducing the debt caused by the opening of the school, and has won the confidence of his people, both by his ability as a man of affairs and his energy as a shepherd of souls. The Assumption has a complete parish plant and is in sound financial and spiritual condition.

ST. PHILIP'S, of Grafton, dates its parochial existence from 1869, though the prince of early missionaries, Father Fitton, said Mass there as early as 1834. It was subsequently a mission to Millbury and Worcester. Rev. Dr. Baret was its first pastor, and found, on his arrival, a church already constructed by Father Gibson, of Worcester. St. Mary's, in North Grafton, begun by Father James Boyle in 1882, was completed by his successor, Rev. John R. Murphy, who, arriving in 1887, remained at St. Philip's for nearly twenty years. Under him St. Mary's was completed, the grounds of St. Philip's beautified, and the civic influence of Catholics grew apace. A shrewd business man, Father Murphy reduced the heavy parish indebtedness to the disappearing point, and, on his promotion to Chicopee Falls, left parish and mission in excellent financial condition. The present pastor, Rev. John F. Casey, has added a second mission to his charge, Our Lady of Lourdes, in East Millbury. Father Casey is a man of deep piety and zeal, tireless in the performance of all duties, but especially in the instruction of the little ones of his flock.

UNTIL 1884, St. Augustine's, of Millville, was a mission of Blackstone, and the pastor of Blackstone, Rev. Wm. Power, said the first Mass in the present church in 1879. In 1884, however, St. Augustine's became a separate parish,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St. Mary's Church, Uxbridge.
Rev. R. D. Murphy, Pastor.

under Rev. Michael Kittredge. who later became pastor of Blackstone and, at the time of his death, was in charge of his native parish. St. John's, of Clinton. Father Kittredge enlarged the church, graded the grounds, and put in cement walks. All the subsequent pastors of St. Augustine's, who include Fathers Prendergast, Leonard, McCaughan and McDermott, have sung the praises of their people, and more than one, in large centres of activity, has sighed for his pleasant days among the good people of Millville, whose faith and generosity have always been pleasant memories to the shepherds who served them. The present pastor, Rev. Francis H. Swift, is an earnest, zealous leader who, without any special display, accomplishes lasting results.

THE youngest of Blackstone's spiritual children is a French speaking parish in East Blackstone, under Rev. H. Remy. This newest Blackstone parish, organized under the patronage of St. Teresa, has just begun its parochial existence, but Father Remy's reputation as an organizer and worker assures its rapid development. Though established in 1929, the parish already has church and school.

FOLLOWING Milford and Blackstone in the order of time came St. Mary's, of Uxbridge, which, after being a mission to each for a brief period, began independent parochial life in 1853, with the stalwart Rev. Edward Sheridan as first resident pastor. The first Mass in Uxbridge was offered as early as 1840, and of course the celebrant was Father Fitton. In 1855, St. Mary's Church was dedicated which, with repairs and renovations, served the parish until the pastorate of the late Rev. Denis Sullivan. A line of zealous pastors, Fathers Denis O'Keefe, Moran, Robinson, Thomas Sullivan and Maurice O'Sullivan, the last two of whom died here, guided St. Mary's flock to the recent pastorates of Fathers Sullivan and Meehan. Fathers Meehan and Sullivan made a notable financial record in Uxbridge, and their success reflected not merely their own capable energy, but the fine Catholic training of their people. The amounts which they collected from a people far from wealthy in this world's goods was little short of astounding, and the pledges made and kept by those whose only revenue was a mill wage amazed even their own leaders. The result was a new church and rectory on a new site, and beautiful St. Mary's is now among the most striking houses of worship in the Blackstone Valley. The present pastor, Rev. Richard D. Murphy, had already proven his ability and zeal during his first pastorate at Longmeadow. He is a man of exceptional parts, a fluent French speaker, and certain to carry on the work so well begun.

THE oldest spiritual daughter of St. Mary's is St. Luke's, Westboro, set off as a separate unit in 1870, under Rev. Richard Donovan. Of course, Father Fitton said the first Mass in Westboro, probably in the early forties, for Westboro was one of his stations. The first recorded Mass was by Father Gibson, in 1849. The first parish church, a remodelled Baptist structure, was burned in 1886, and a sightly frame building replaced it, completed and dedicated, in 1889, during the pastorate of Rev. Dr. McCoy. This church, in turn, was burned to the ground about ten years ago. Though the insurance by no means covered the loss, Rev. John D. McGann, the venerable pastor who had succeeded Rev. Dr. McCoy, back in 1894, set to work with the ripe experience of his long years in the priesthood, and the energetic zeal of a young man. His people and townspeople rallied to his support, and within a year the new St.

St. Luke's Church, Westboro.
Rev. John F. Boland, Pastor.

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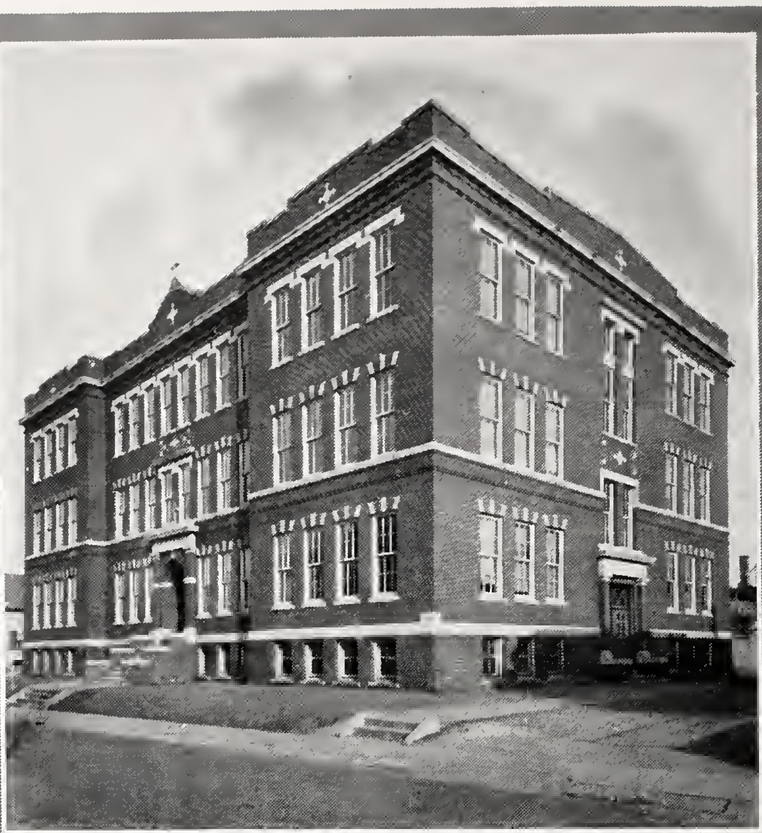

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St. Ann's School,
Sacred Heart Parish, Webster
Rt. Rev. Msgr. M. A. Desrochers,
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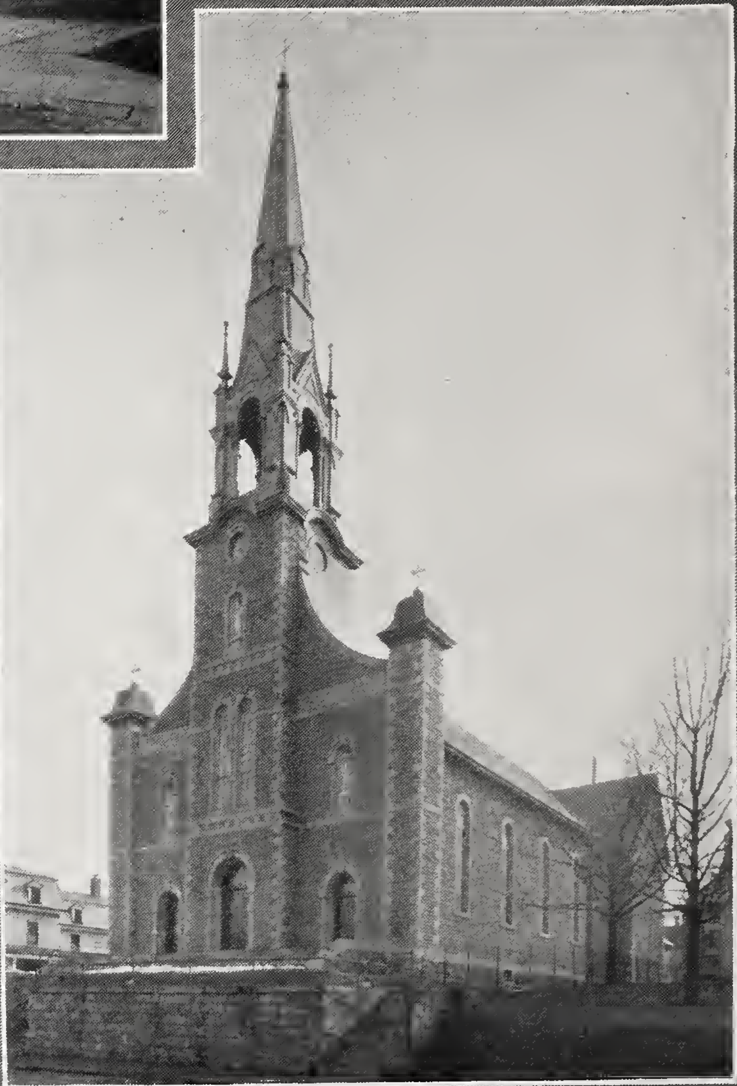

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Luke's, a modern, fireproof structure, more beautiful even than the old church which had been destroyed, was ready for dedication, with practically no mortgage encumbrance. This achievement spoke volumes for pastor and people, and Father McGann was soon asked to take charge of St. Paul's in Worcester.

The saintly Father Cronin, the eloquent Fathers Burke and McCoy and the tireless energy of Father McGann, a tirelessness manifested especially in the catechetical instruction of the lambkins of his flock, have all combined to make St. Luke's a fine Catholic flock who, within a year, emerged from a disastrous conflagration with a parish plant bigger and better than ever. The present pastor is Rev. John F. Boland, a man of studious habits, marked eloquence and devoted to his people's interests.

THE same year that Westboro became a parish, in 1870, St. Denis' Parish, of East Douglas, was cut off from Uxbridge, whose pastor, Father Sheridan, had said the first Mass there in 1857, on Christmas. The first pastor was the great French speaking missionary, Father Gagnier, who organized the people and then relinquished the reins to Father Couillard in 1873. Father Delphos, who succeeded him in 1878, remained for sixteen years, built a mission church in Manchaug, under the title of St. Ann's, and first brought to the diocese the Little Sisters of St. Francis, whose home in Worcester is an asylum for the aged. East Douglas and Manchaug still remember with gratitude the solicitude of Father Delphos for the sick and needy.

FOR years, St. Ann's in Manchaug was a flourishing French speaking parish, with its own parochial school, and that at a time when it had no railroad or trolley connections with the outside world. A destructive fire, however, wiped out the mills during the stay of Father Paul Hanotel and, almost in a night, Manchaug all but disappeared. The few Catholics who remained are cared for by Rev. J. I. Lord, whose failing health has made a more exacting place impossible. Previous to his appointment to Manchaug, Father Lord served in many curacies, and did good work at Worcester and Easthampton.

THE mother parish of St. Denis, at East Douglas, still flourishes under the devoted leadership of Rev. James E. Meehan, beloved of his flock alike for his personal piety and his long years of priestly service in their midst. He is especially zealous in the instruction of the young—to him, a labor of sincere love.

WITH the creation of our diocese in 1870, Cordaville became a mission of Westboro, and continued this affiliation until 1887, when Rev. John Redican became its first pastor, with Southboro as his mission. He found St. Matthew's Church at Cordaville, constructed by Father Cronin in the closing years of his life. Father Redican immediately built and dedicated the mission church of St. Ann, at Southboro, which later became the parish church, and Cordaville reverted to its mission status. Southboro, under able management, has become one of our flourishing smaller parishes. Its people are fairly prosperous, and thoroughly loyal, and its church property is nicely located and well-kept. Its pastors have won merited promotion by their zealous efforts for this "cozy corner" of our diocese. From there, Fathers Farrell and Boland, both of blessed memory, went to Worcester, and Father Curran, to Pittsfield. The present pastor, Rev. Francis X. Maxwell, is a man of genial disposition, marked ability and successful in every branch of parochial activity.

THE same year that saw Cordaville a parish witnessed the creation of a new parish in Fisherville under the patronage of St. James. The first shepherd of this flock was Rev. Michael J. Carroll, who served here for nearly twenty years, and had Holy Angels flock, at Upton, as his mission charge. Previous to this time, Fisherville had been attended from Grafton, whose pastor, Father James Boyle, had completed the church of St. James in 1884. The Fisherville Manufacturing Company has always been the friend of

St. Peter's Church, Northbridge. Rev. J. Horace Gelineau, Pastor.

John W. Donohue, Architect

Fisherville Catholics, and, among many benefactions, gave the land on which church and rectory stand. Father Carroll built a rectory, installed a splendid organ in the church, graded the grounds, and, all in all, made the St. James' Church property one of Fisherville's beauty spots. Incidentally, the altar of St. James is a historic one—its original home was the chapel of Holy Cross College, in Worcester.

UPTON, the mission of Fisherville, had been attended first from Milford and later from Grafton, whose pastor purchased an old Congregational house of worship and transformed it into the present Holy Angels Church. During the Fisherville pastorate of Rev. Anthony Dwyer, who remained in charge for nearly twenty years, Upton became a parish under Rev. R. S. J. Burke. The present pastor at Fisherville is Rev. William J. Lucey, who recently celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of his ordination. Father Lucey is an eloquent preacher in both French and English, and, though at Fisherville for only a short time, has already added to the seating capacity of the church and made extensive repairs on the parish property. Since becoming a parish, Holy Angels' flock of Upton has enjoyed the ministrations of Fathers Cruse, Flynn, and Lane, who merited promotions to their present important posts in Springfield and Worcester, and is at present in charge of Rev. Gerald S. McGourty. Father McGourty has improved the surroundings of the church and redecorated the interior. The parish is too small, numerically, for schools, but Father McGourty has arranged for the transportation of the parish children of high school age to St. Mary's High, in Milford, to enable them to enjoy four years of education in a Catholic atmosphere. He is especially solicitous about the Catholic education of the growing generation, a most necessary activity in a parish without schools. His earnest, solid instructions, and his interest in the

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ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, WHITINSVILLE
Rev. John J. Foran, D.D., Pastor.

sick as well as the young of his flock, have won warm commendation wherever he has served.

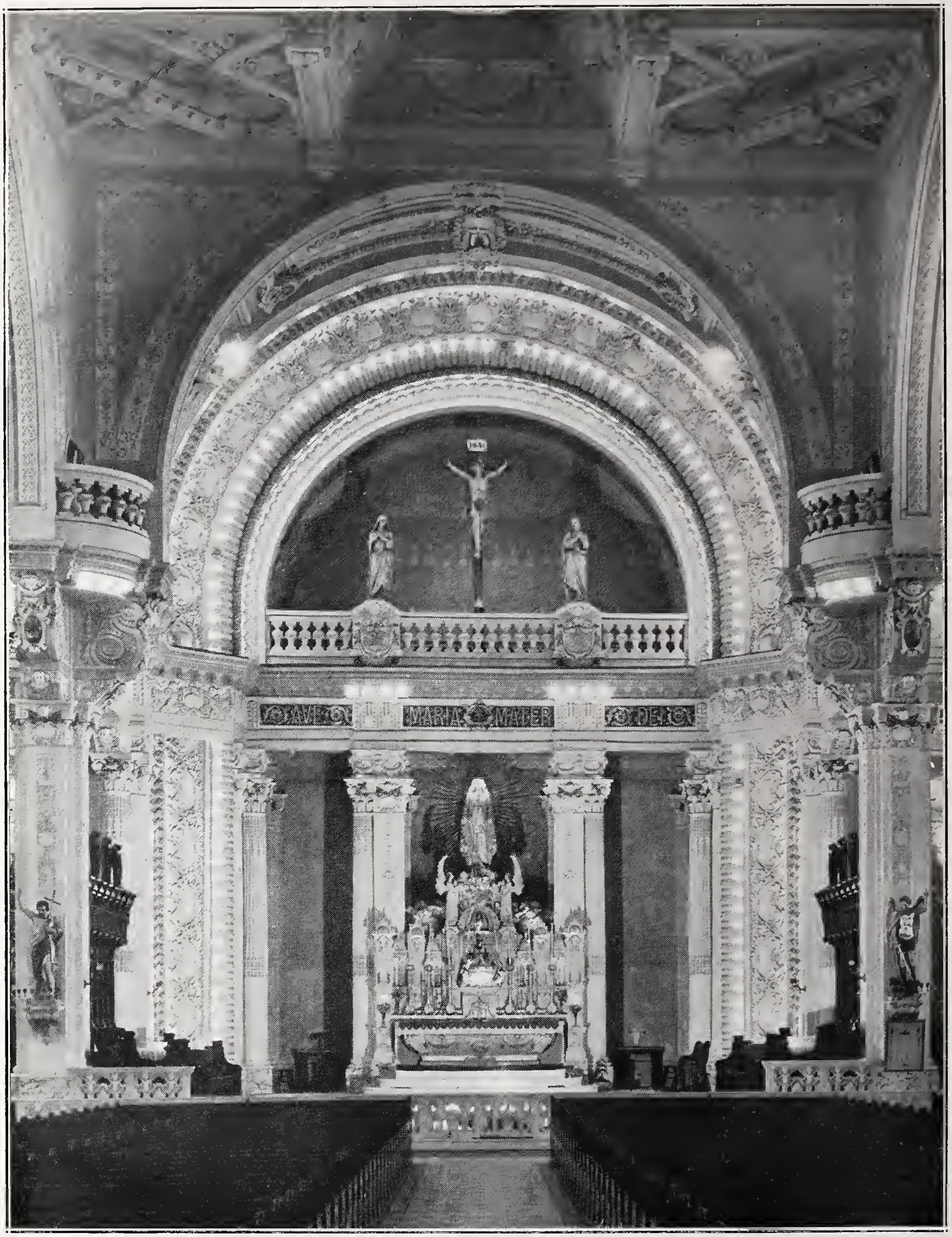
IN 1889 the Catholics of Whitinsville, who at various periods after the saying of the first Mass by Father Fitton in the early thirties had been attended by Worcester, Milford, Blackstone and Uxbridge priests, formed the new parish of St. Patrick, with Rev. Peter S. O'Reilly as their first pastor. The first church had already been erected, in 1870, by Rev. Denis Moran, but Father O'Reilly, finding the mission church too small, purchased additional land on which he erected the present Gothic church and rectory. They rank with our best. Since the death of Father O'Reilly, St. Patrick's has known the able leadership of two whom the present Holy Father has elevated to the purple—Monsignors Sullivan and Phelan. Both reduced the debt; kept the charming property in excellent repair, and attended zealously to the spiritual needs of the people. Monsignor Phelan purchased property for a convent and school, and the Presentation Nuns of Fitchburg have recently taken charge. When Monsignor Phelan was promoted to Worcester, he was succeeded by Rev. Dr. John J. Foran, who was well and favorably known to the people as a former assistant pastor. Dr. Foran was for years a member of our diocesan mission band.

IN ITS early existence as a parish, Whitinsville had Northbridge as a mission. There, Father O'Reilly erected the church of St. Peter's, which in 1904 became an independent parish under the then curate of Whitinsville, Rev. Dr. Joseph J. Rice, who remained in charge until his elevation to the Episcopal See of Burlington. In 1910 he was succeeded by Rev. Michael T. Slattery, a finished French speaker, and a parochial administrator who combined energy and ability. He replaced the mission church with the present fine house of worship, 1913. The mill owners of Northbridge were always his generous friends, and thanks to this happy relation, Father Slattery's labors were cast in pleasant surroundings. A large part of his flock are French speakers, and his unusual fluency in their language was deeply appreciated by them. Father Slattery's last addition to the parish activities was the opening of a parochial school and it already has a registration of nearly three hundred. His recent promotion to Leominster was deserved recognition of a highly successful pastorate. His successor, Rev. J. Horace Gelineau, came from St. Louis' Parish, West Springfield, but had the unusual experience, in the early days of his priesthood, of being administrator in the large Precious Blood Parish of Holyoke. Father Gelineau is a man of pleasing personality, affable and gracious, whose efforts have always met marked success.

ANOTHER parochial offshoot of Westboro was St. Rose's, of Northboro, elevated to the status of a parish in 1886. The first Mass in Northboro was said by Father Gibson, of Worcester, as early as 1843. The first pastor was Rev. James McCloskey. Two years previously, the present church had been completed. The parish rectory was purchased by Father J. F. Galvin. Like so many of our towns, Northboro has not grown, and so a succession of pastors have labored here for a short time, all zealously and well. Fathers Derbuil, Dwyer, Achim, Smith, Hurley and Sellig preceded the present incumbent, Rev. James B. Murphy. Father Derbuil took over Shrewsbury as a mission, and erected St. Teresa's Church, which gave way to the new St. Mary's, when Shrewsbury became a parish. Father Murphy, the present pastor, has done much to beautify the church and grounds, and has won the affection and devotion of a people in whose service he has been indefatigable.

DURING the pastorate of Father Sellig, at Northboro, he found so many Catholic families, especially of Italian origin, along the Shrewsbury shores of Lake Quinsigamond, and

St. Mary's Church, Shrewsbury. Rev. Thomas F. McKoan, Pastor.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NOTRE DAME CHURCH, SOUTHBRIDGE
Beautiful Main Altar and Sanctuary. Rt. Rev. Msgr. L. O. Triganne, Pastor.

so many children who needed attention, that Bishop O'Leary made Shrewsbury a parish, with a mission, St. Ann's, near the lake. Father Thomas F. McKoan was made the first pastor in 1922 and has proven a most capable one. He erected two beautiful frame churches, one in Shrewsbury and a duplicate near Lake Quinsigamond, which were dedicated the same day. Then, finding scattered Catholic families in old Boylston, who were beyond the influence of any church, he built the small mission church of St. Mary's, to care for them. Thus, under his zealous supervision, the erstwhile mission of Northboro has become a parish with two missions, all provided with adequate homes for public worship and an excellent rectory at Shrewsbury. Father McKoan is a gifted musician, and among his compositions is a hymn to the Little Flower which has gained popularity beyond our diocese.

ANOTHER instance of rapid parochial growth in the Blackstone Valley is the parish of the Good Shepherd, at Linwood, founded in 1904, with Rev. A. Henry Powers, now of Holy Rosary, Gardner, as first pastor. Father Powers built a spacious church and rectory. His successor, Rev. Gedeon Fontaine, now of Precious Blood, Holyoke, added an excellent modern school building and a well-appointed convent to give Linwood a complete parish plant. The present pastor, Rev. Albert Brault, is an energetic worker and an affable shepherd, under whom parish activities are flourishing. The attendance at the parish schools is approaching the five hundred mark.

WHEN we turn our attention to the south of Worcester, the foundation of St. Louis' Parish in Webster carries us back almost to the foundations of the first congregations in the Blackstone Valley. St. Louis' became a parish in 1853, under Rev. Napoleon Meigneault, but much earlier the zealous Father Fitton had said Mass for the few scattered Catholics, especially on the occasion of sick calls. The first St. Louis' Church was built in 1851. Later, Father Quan twice added to the original, and called the last wing which he added, the Chapel of St. Patrick. Then the late Monsignor Madden completely renovated the church, which he had rededicated in 1894.

Parish schools were opened in 1882, in the basement of the church and in a nearby house. Ten years later, this temporary arrangement gave way to a frame building, which, with necessary additions for high school work, served until its complete destruction by fire, two years ago. The pastor, Rev. Garrett H. Dolan, although approaching his fiftieth year in the priesthood, accomplished a modern wonder when he arranged to house his pupils in a nearby public school building, and had plans drawn up for a modern fireproof building, which was ready for his high school commencement within a year from the date of the fire. The new St. Louis' is a finely appointed school structure, with spacious hall, excellent laboratories, the last word in sanitary and ventilating arrangements. Sightly to the eye, and thoroughly equipped, this stately building will be a grammar school for St. Louis' Parish, and a central high school for the Catholics of Webster and vicinity. It is a lasting memorial to the zeal and foresight of Father Dolan who, out of disaster, erected a real monument to Catholic education. The fine old pastor of St. Louis served as rector of St. Michael's Cathedral and pastor in Spencer and Pittsfield, before succeeding Father Madden in Webster. His activities here have kept up the fine spirit and traditions which always obtained in Webster's mother parish, while his last achievement showed priestly confidence and courage before a task that would have given pause to many a younger man. His long experience stood him in good stead and gave old St. Louis' one of the model school buildings in a diocese famed for its schools.

Our Lady of the Rosary Church, Spencer. Rev. P. A. Manion, Pastor.

P. W. Ford, Architect

John W. Donohue, Architect

SACRED HEART CHURCH, SOUTHBRIDGE
Rev. Victor Epinard, Pastor.

IN SPEAKING of our diocese in its missionary days, a word of admiration must be expressed for the first pastor of St. Louis', Rev. Napoleon Meigneault, whose jurisdiction extended to Southbridge, Charlton, Oxford, Templeton, Barre, Warren and the Brookfields, a territory which one man would find it difficult to cover in an automobile, but which Father Meigneault covered in the days of the horse and the stage coach. We may well believe that he was "young, with indomitable courage, faithful, energetic and capable of the severest labors." The old timers of all the missions still refer to him with gratitude, a worthy successor of our Fittons and Gibsons and others.

BY 1870, the French speaking settlers of Webster had increased in numbers enough to request a separate parochial existence, and Father Cosson, an Oblate, became their pastor. His successor, Father Landry, erected a frame church, which was replaced by the present beautiful structure of Canadian granite in 1896, in the pastorate of Father Legris, under the title of the Sacred Heart. The present rectory was built at the same time.

In 1885, the parish schools were opened, and the present pastor, Rt. Rev. Msgr. M. A. Desrochers, replaced the original buildings with new brick schools in which the Sisters give a complete grammar school education and two years of a commercial course. Monsignor Desrochers, who succeeded Father Legris, has done such commendable work to advance the spiritual and material interests of his people that he was in the first group of our diocesan clergy raised to the honors of the purple by the present Pope, Pius XI. A man of deep piety, exceptional talents and wide parochial experience, he won the warm praise of his Bishop, who recommended him for the high honor of domestic prelate.

THE Polish people followed the Canadians to Webster so that by 1888 they were numerous enough to justify the establishment of a parish of their own, and Rev. Francis Chalupka became first pastor. Temporarily, services were held in the basement of St. Louis' church, while the men of the new parish gave their services free to lay the foundations of the first St. Joseph's. All was ready for Trinity Sunday, of 1888, and the first Mass in the new church was the first Mass of Father Chalupka, who had just been ordained. The young priest immediately began preparations for a parish school, which opened four years after the first Mass in the church. These buildings were all frame structures, but served the parish until the arrival of Father Anthony A. Cyran, the present pastor, who has accomplished marvels during his incumbency. An imposing brick church with stone trimmings and twin towers that beautify Webster's horizon, a modern convent, a large and modern school building, have sprung up as if by magic. This hard worker and able administrator neglected only his own rectory, which is the original frame home of Father Chalupka and his successors. A new rectory is now in process of construction. The people of St. Joseph's have become a power in public life and business. The parish schools have multiplied vocations, so that this comparatively young parish has given over eighty young women to the convent and nearly twenty of its sons to the altar. It is not surprising that the pastor who supervised and directed this progress should win the recognition of his superiors. Bishop O'Leary recommended Father Cyran for the prelate's robes, and, first of his people in New England, Father Cyran became domestic prelate to Pope Pius XI.

WE HAVE two churches in our diocese dedicated to the service of the Slavs—and one is St. Anthony's, in Webster, founded in 1908. The first pastor of the Webster congregation, Rev. Paul Herman, purchased a Universalist church and renovated it to meet the requirements of Catholic service. His successor was Rev. Stephen Scezci, who continued steadily the work of parish development until ill-health forced him to retire, and Rev. J. A. Plavcan assumed his duties.

OF COURSE, the establishment of new parishes followed apace until the old mother parish of St. Louis had daughters as far away as Warren, the Brookfields and Barre. In 1870, Father Julius Cosson became the first pastor of Our Lady of the Rosary, Spencer, though Mass

St. Mary's Church, Spencer.
Rev. J. O. Comtois, Pastor.

Joseph Venne, Architect

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Rt. Rev. Msgr. L. O. Triganne, Pastor.

had been said in Spencer as early as 1834 by Father Fitton, and Spencer was regularly attended from Worcester until the appointment of Father Meigneault to Webster. The first church was ready for use in 1854. Father L'Eveque, who supervised the erection of the first church, had people so loyal that they mortgaged their homes to complete the House of God. When they were unable to meet their obligations, the contractors obliged them to sell their homes at public auction. Father L'Eveque, broken-hearted over this misfortune to his people, resigned his pastorate and travelled far and wide, collecting money, until he had refunded what his people had lost. The Fathers of Holy Cross College attended Spencer for a time before its elevation to parochial status, in 1870, under Father Cosson, under whom the parish flourished. He was succeeded by Rev. Thomas D. Beaven, who later became Bishop of Springfield. Father Beaven's first work was the erection of a new church and, thanks to his efforts, the present beautiful Gothic structure lifted its noble steeple to the skies, and was dedicated in 1887. He was an able leader, and prominent in civil as well as religious circles. Since his time, the pastor of Holy Rosary has always been elected to the Spencer School Board. Father Beaven was succeeded by Rev. Garrett Dolan, who came from the rectorship of St. Michael's Cathedral. His successor, Rev. William McCaughan, served until the coming of the present pastor, Rev. Patrick A. Manion. All have taken great pride in the beautiful church property, have kept it in admirable repair, have developed a good parish spirit and have made Holy Rosary one of our soundest parishes, financially. Father Manion, the present pastor, is a genial per-

Joseph Venne, Architect

NOTRE DAME CHURCH, SOUTHBRIDGE
as seen from main altar

sonality, who, in a quiet but able way, accomplishes much without creating much stir. He has done a great deal to beautify the Spencer cemetery, and has erected a sturdy tomb, which fronts on the Boston Road. He is especially interested in the little ones of his flock, for whose instruction he has enlisted the services of the Notre Dame Sisters, of Worcester.

THE very year that Holy Rosary was dedicated, 1887, a new French speaking congregation was established from its Canadian members, and St. Mary's, of Spencer, came into existence under the parochial direction of Rev. Charles Viens, assistant to Father Beaven, in Holy Rosary. Old St. Mary's church was given to the new congregation by Father Beaven, and was used by them until the erection of the present striking edifice with its twin towers. Parish schools were opened in 1892, and have always been well attended. Father Lamy succeeded Father Viens and did much to stabilize the parish's financial status, in preparation for the new church which he erected and Father A. R. Grolleau, O.P., had completed. Father Grolleau also remodelled the old church into an acceptable school building which, under Father J. O. Comtois, houses four hundred children.

All this, of course, entailed generous financial outlays, and all left a heavy mortgage indebtedness, which Father Comtois is doing much to pay off. Father Comtois is a devoted worker who, since going to Spencer from Millbury, where he founded a parish school, has done much to add to the efficiency of St. Mary's School, and to lessen the indebtedness which handicaps his parish. He is much loved by his people, and highly respected by townspeople at large.

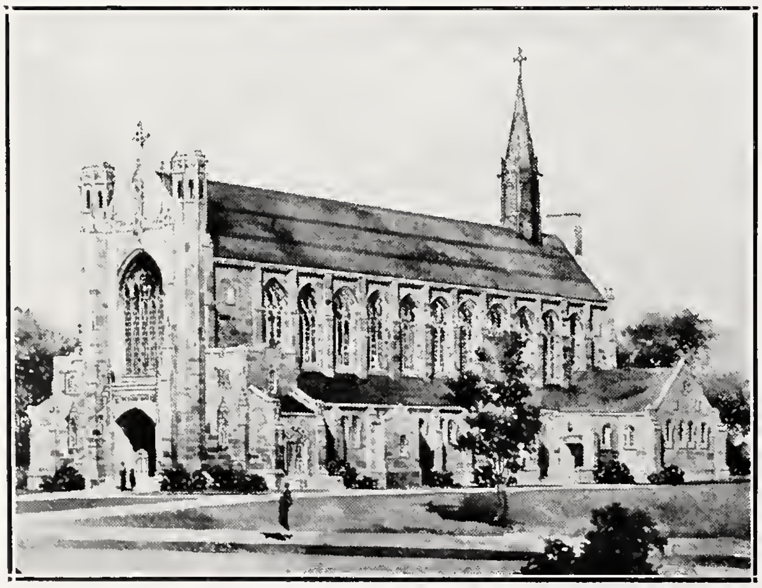
THE first of the missions from St. Louis to become a distinct parish was Southbridge, where St. Mary's congregation began independent existence in 1865, with Rev. Angelus Baret at its head. Previously, Southbridge had been attended from Worcester, Webster, and Holy Cross College. Father Fitton offered Mass there as early as 1840. The first church, St. Peter's, was completed in 1853, and continued in use until the coming of Rev. J. M. Kremmins, in 1871. Southbridge, in its turn, became a restricted missionary zone because this devoted priest, during sixteen years without assistant, cared for Southbridge, Charlton, and Sturbridge. He found time to erect the present St. Mary's Church, St. Patrick's, in Fiskdale, and a rectory to replace one destroyed by fire. He died among the people to whom he had given the best years of his life, and lies at rest in the yard of the church which he built. His memory is still held in benediction in old St. Mary's.

His successor, Rev. James Donahue, gave special attention to Catholic education, transformed old St. Peter's into a parish school, provided a suitable abode for the Sisters of St. Joseph and opened grammar schools for the parish children, in 1889. On his departure, the church property sided on three streets, in one of the prettiest spots in town. On his promotion to Westfield, Rev. John B. Drennan replaced him, and remained in St. Mary's until his death. He was universally loved, and, though industrial depression marked his stay, he did much for the young men of the parish, for whom he opened a gymnasium and temperance hall.

The present pastor, who was assistant at the time of Father Drennan's death, is Rev. Denis Mullins, who has served the people faithfully and well, for over a quarter of a century. He is a man of deep piety, untiring in his attendance on sick and suffering, quiet and retiring personally, but withal most successful in meeting the spiritual and temporal needs of his people. Father Mullins has always been deeply interested in the instruction of his flock. His church bookrack is famous for the variety and value of its contents. Not only does he exhaust every source of the pamphlet literature so well suited to the needs of this busy age, but culls special articles from magazines, has them printed and distributed for the enlightenment of his parishioners.

THE growth of Southbridge's population, however, was most rapid among its French speaking residents, and so, in 1869, they left St. Mary's to become a distinct parish under the title of Notre Dame. The first pastor, Father LeBreton, was soon replaced by Rev. George E. Brochu, whose name is perpetuated in the name of the parish school, Brochu Academy. He came in 1873, and remained until the dawn of the present century. He built convent and school, which he opened in 1882. The present school, which bears his name, was constructed largely at his expense. So generous was he, both to home and foreign missionary work, and so self-sacrificing in the service of his parish, which often misunderstood and antagonized him, that the late Pope Leo XIII made him a Monsignor. He was an able financial manager and left a large sum in bank for the church which he was not destined to erect.

So well was the work of Monsignor Brochu carried on by his successor, Rev. L. O. Triganne, that Notre Dame parish ranks among our best, and the new church and rectory, both of marble brick, both built by him, are landmarks towering on the heights above Southbridge. Bank failures lessened the amounts left by Monsignor Brochu, but the ability of Father Triganne supplied the deficit and added to the total until the present beautiful church and rectory became realities. Such a remarkable record has been made by Father Triganne in Southbridge that, on Bishop O'Leary's warm recommendation, he was made a domestic prelate by Pope Pius XI, a recognition of his extraordinary labors for the spiritual and material good of his people, throughout his priestly career.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Sacred Heart Church, Southbridge. Rev. Victor Epinard, Pastor.

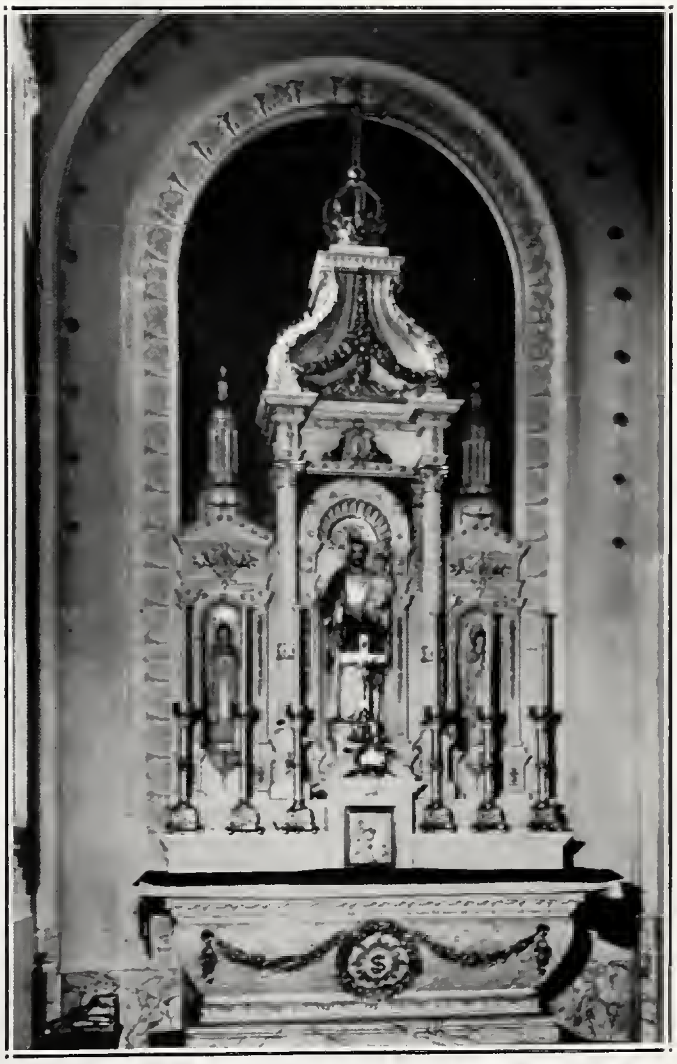
THE French speaking people continued to multiply until another parish was necessary early in the present century, and Father Emile St. Onge became its founder in 1908. He did excellent work, constructing rectory and school, and using the school for divine service. However, an illness which finally proved fatal led to an enforced vacation from which he never returned: a severe rheumatic affliction ultimately affected his eyes. The administrator of the new parish was Rev. William H. Ducharme, who remained for two years after Father St. Onge's death, and by strict economy in parish finances, paved the way for the new Sacred Heart. The actual pastor, Rev. Victor Epinard, has already completed the parish group by the erection of a beautiful parish church, which was dedicated last year. Father Epinard has shown exceptional ability in handling financial problems, and, under his able management and earnest labor, Sacred Heart has become a thriving parish unit in which no spiritual or material need is neglected.

ST. MARY'S PARISH, of Southbridge, underwent its last division in 1916, when the Polish members formed the new mission of St. Hedwige, which, for two years, was attended by Father Cyran, of St. Joseph's, Webster. Then his assistant, Rev. M. S. Hanys, was appointed resident pastor, a position in which he still continues. He used the old church of the French Parish until he completed the new St. Hedwige, in 1920. He has made long strides to free the parish of the debt which prevents the building of a parish school.

Southbridge is one of our towns which is a standing answer to the oft expressed fear of "foreign control," by which a great many mean Catholic control. Columbus did not arrive here soon enough to save us from the charge of being foreigners! The French Catholic element is dominant in Southbridge public life, and Southbridge has the reputation of being one of our best governed communities.

NEARBY, in Fiskdale, in the township of Sturbridge, is a peculiar arrangement which has an historical origin in Southbridge. Both St. Mary's and Notre Dame had missions in Fiskdale. Each built a mission church. When Fiskdale became a parish in 1886 under Rev. Jules Graton, each group maintained its own place of worship, and so the present pastor of Fiskdale has two churches, one English speaking and one French speaking, almost around the corner from each other. These two churches have known the zealous services of Fathers L'Heureux, Clements, St. Onge, Gagnon, Roy, Guillet, and Marceau. The English speaking church is St. Patrick's. The French speaking church is St. Ann's, in which is the far famed shrine of Mary's mother. In seasonable weather. St. Ann's is the goal of many pilgrimages and wonderful cures have been reported, though none has yet been declared miraculous by church authorities. The present pastor is Rev. J. A. Jacques, a man of deep piety, especially gifted along musical and artistic lines.

WITH the establishment of Charlton as an independent parochial unit, in 1900, under Rev. John J. Bell, Southbridge lost its last mission. The mission title was Sacred Heart, but when Father Bell dedicated his new church in



St. Joseph's Altar, Notre Dame, Southbridge. One of four beautiful chapel altars.

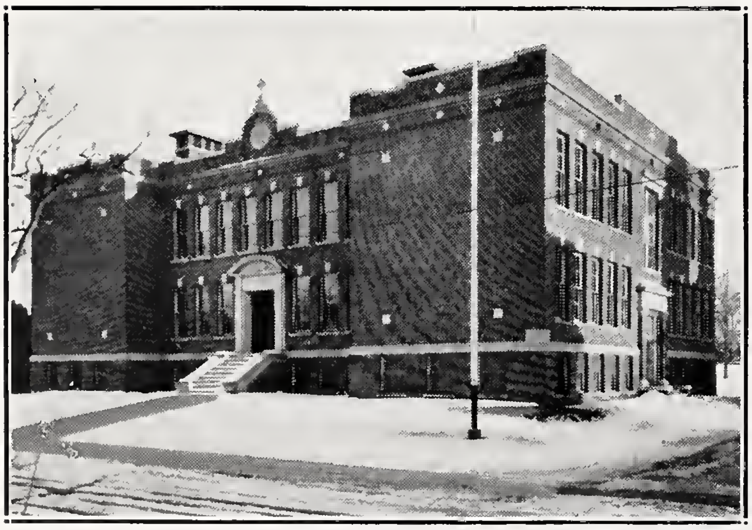
1904, the title became St. Joseph's. Father Bell built church and rectory and left the little parish in good financial condition. The parish then was in charge of Fathers Welch, Hussey and Boyne. During the incumbency of Father Boyne the church was destroyed by fire in 1924. As Charlton was not a growing community, but rather one suffering from the exodus of its people to cities, Bishop O'Leary authorized Father Boyne to seek help throughout the diocese, and much financial assistance was thus obtained. The result was a more beautiful St. Joseph's, with modern heating and lighting, and a debt which is not beyond the ability of the parish to handle. The present pastor is Rev. Harry J. Hackett, who, in his first pastorate, is certain to display the zealous solicitude for his Master's interests which characterized him as assistant.

A NEW center of missionary activities for the Brookfields was created when St. Joseph's, of North Brookfield, was established in 1867. Father Fitton certainly said Mass there before 1839 and afterwards Catholicity in the Brookfields received the spiritual care of Worcester, Springfield, Webster and Ware, whose tireless missionaries must have almost lived in the saddle. The first resident pastor was Rev. Edward Turpin, who found the present parish church already constructed by Father Moran, of Ware. Though there was much anti-Catholic feeling in those days, and threats of bodily violence to the early priests were not unknown, the kindly offices of liberal Protestants assisted the early Catholics in procuring land for church and cemetery. In the fall of 1871, Father Michael Walsh became pastor and remained in North Brookfield until his death in 1885. He was a real man of God, of whom it was said that, in those trying days, no one ever saw him in bad humor. Charitable and generous, he was nevertheless careful of the parish patrimony, and cleared St. Joseph's of debt.

His successor, Rev. James P. Tuite, purchased the present site of rectory and school, and opened parochial schools in 1888, under the Sisters of Mercy, who were later succeeded by the Sisters of St. Joseph. An unfortunate division marred the closing years of Father Tuite, but the breach was largely healed by his successor, Father H. J. Wren. It is now merely a page of unpleasant history. Father Edward Judge was pastor for a short time, and on his death, the present pastor, Rev. James H. McGillicuddy, J.C.D., replaced him. Father McGillicuddy has proven an able, energetic and wise administrator of parish temporalities, and a conscientious spiritual director of his flock. He has enlarged and beautified the parish cemetery, renovated the church and purchased land adjacent to the school, on which he plans to erect a more sightly house of God, to replace the one which has done service since the sixties of the last century. In the days of war, he was an indefatigable organizer of war relief, and did much to cement a feeling of solidarity among neighbors of all creeds, as evidenced by his recent election to the local school board.

NATURALLY, all the Brookfields fell to the jurisdiction of St. Joseph's, North Brookfield, and so remained until the separation of St. Mary's, Brookfield, in 1885, to which East Brookfield and West Brookfield became missions. This status still obtains. Fathers Foley and Grace were the first pastors, but served brief periods. In 1889, Rev. Michael J. Murphy became pastor of Brookfield and remained until his death, twenty-eight years later.

The Brookfield church, St. Mary's, is a historic structure. For twenty-five years, on another site, it served the Presbyterians. It was then purchased by Father Moran, of Ware, and after a long quest of a new location, was removed to its present place. Father Murphy had the church thoroughly renovated, added a rich wood interior, purchased an old school building which he doubled in size and remodelled into St. John's Church in East Brookfield, and erected the striking mission church on the Boston Post Road in West Brookfield. His successor was Rev. Daniel Devine, J.C.D., who had scarcely completed plans for extensive re-



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Assumption School, Millbury. Rev. J. M. Marceau, Pastor. Sisters of The Assumption in charge.

pairs, and for liquidating the heavy debt on all the churches, when death called him. His early summons to lay down life's burden caused deep regret, as he was a man generally loved and respected. His successor was Rev. Patrick F. Doyle, Ph.D., who remained for nine years, during which he cleared all the churches of their mortgages, renovated and beautified them all, and left the parish financially solvent, with a substantial "nest egg" for East Brookfield's new church. The present pastor is Rev. James A. Dunphy, who went to Brookfield from Belchertown, where he organized a new parish and, at his competent hands, Brookfield's spiritual and temporal needs are meeting able treatment.

WARREN, where the parish of St. Paul's was founded, in 1872, had services as early as 1838 by Father Fitton. Subsequently, it was cared for by Father Meigneault, of Webster, Father Dougherty, of Springfield, and finally became a mission of Ware, when Father Gagnier established the French speaking parish there. He purchased a granary, remodelled it for divine worship, and, in 1872, St. Paul's became a separate parish under Father A. Romano, who remained for four years. For the next sixteen years, Rev. D. Moyes was pastor. He purchased land for future needs, and was preparing to build when he was succeeded by Rev. John F. Madden, later Vicar General of our diocese, and Rev. D. F. McGillicuddy, whose pastorate was brief. Rev. John F. Leonard purchased the site of the present church and used a house on the same property as rectory. He immediately began the erection of the sightly St. Paul's Church, located on a prominent elevation above the town and on the Boston turnpike. Church and basement were completed by Rev. John P. McCaughan, and the present commodious and beautiful rectory was purchased by his successor, Rev. John F. Boland. Fortunately, the new rectory is most spacious, and enabled the present pastor, Rev. George J. Hurley, to install the diocesan headquarters of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, of which Bishop O'Leary made him diocesan director. Father Hurley, formerly a member of our diocesan Mission Band, and a man of deep piety and fervor, has proven a most successful administrator, both in parochial and mission activities.

UNTIL 1893, the people of West Warren attended St. Paul's in Warren, but, in that year, the parish of St. Thomas was made a separate unit, with Rev. Humphrey J. Wren as pastor. Mass had been said and the church had been built by Father Gagnier, of Ware, in West Warren's days as a Ware mission. Extensive repairs were made by Father Moyes, of Warren. In 1899, Father Wren was succeeded by Rev. Phileas Trottier, under whom the parish schools were built and opened. West Warren is entirely dependent upon the mills, and hence has had its ups and downs, with business prosperity and adversity. Subsequent pastors, Fathers McGillicuddy, Frechette, Roi and Choquette, did yeoman service in reducing a relatively heavy indebtedness and maintaining the parish property in good repair. The present pastor is Rev. J. B. Messier, appointed to replace Rev. W. J. Choquette on the latter's promotion to Springfield.

Warren's third Catholic congregation is the Polish group of St. Stanislaus, which entered our parish ranks in 1913 under Rev. Valerian Fligier. He remained from January to September of that year. His successors were Fathers Lekston, Feresz and Zaszczynski, the first of whom procured the present site of the church property on the Boston Post Road, and the last of whom added the neat home for the parish clergy. The present pastor is Rev. Julius Jaworek, who arrived in 1928 from Hadley, where he founded a new parish for the Polish people of that historic center.

St. Paul's Church and Rectory, Warren. Rev. George J. Hurley, Pastor.

Chickering and O'Connell, Architects

GILBERTVILLE, although in Worcester County, is connected rather with Ware in its early Catholic reminiscences. As a mission, it was in charge of Ware. The first Mass, in 1867, was said by Father Healy, of Ware. Its present church was designed and built by Father Gagnier, of Ware. Its parish school was opened by Father Sheehan, of Ware, who, for fourteen years after his appointment to Mt. Carmel, Ware, conducted Catholic services in the neighboring town, and, in his pastoral fervor, opened the Catholic schools while Gilbertville was still a mission.

Father Grace became resident pastor in 1894, and added a presbytery to the parish buildings. Under Father Hickey, the Wheelwright mission of St. Augustine's was transferred to Barre and South Barre became a mission of Gilbertville. A neat mission church was erected, to prepare it for its parochial status. Rev. James P. Kirby, who passed nearly fourteen years at St. Aloysius, constructed a modern convent for the teaching Sisters, so that, today, St. Aloysius parish has church, school, hall, convent and rectory, and its mortgage burden is well nigh negligible. The present rector, Rev. John E. Doherty, is in his first pastorate, but his well known zeal and linguistic ability show that once again Gilbertville is fortunate in its shepherd.

IN 1920 South Barre became a parish, under the title of St. Thomas, with Rev. John T. Casey in charge. He added a pretty rectory, graded the parish grounds, molded a flock, largely Italian, into a united and enthusiastic group which began to take genuine pride in its church devotions. The present pastor, Rev. William H. O'Malley, one of three brothers in our diocesan clergy, has carried on the work so well begun. St. Thomas has won merited praise for the excellence of its liturgical music. Father O'Malley's earnest labors, especially among the young, are bearing fruit in increased church attendance, and augur well for the future of South Barre.

Two more towns which were attended by Father Meigneault from Webster were Leicester and Oxford. Leicester had previously been cared for by Worcester, whose Father Gibson said its first Mass as early as 1846, and people were present from as far away as Rutland. Distance meant nothing to these early Catholics, whether priests or people, when it was a question of assisting at the Divine Sacrifice. Then the Jesuit Fathers of Holy Cross came to Father Meigneault's assistance, that he might have more time for other missions. The first church was St. Polycarp's, in which Mass was said in 1855. It is interesting to note that St. Polycarp's was built of timber from the old church at Grafton, and, when St. Polycarp's was dismantled to make way for the present St. Joseph's, the timbers were passed on to build St. Aloysius' at Rochdale. The new St. Joseph's, erected under the auspices of the Fathers at Holy Cross College, was dedicated in 1869, and both Leicester and Rochdale were attended from the college at Worcester until the late Rev. David F. McGrath became first pastor in 1880. He built the rectory, and purchased and graded the extensive church grounds which occupy so conspicuous a place on the hill top between Cherry Valley and Leicester Centre. He removed every penny of the parish indebtedness before his promotion to Holyoke.

In the early days, non-Catholics of Leicester were sympathetic and generous to their Catholic neighbors. One of them, Mrs. John E. Russell, during the pastoral stay of Rev. John C. Redican, was the donor of the cemetery land and the beautiful Celtic cross which looks down lovingly upon this last resting place of St. Joseph's faithful. St. Joseph's, today, has a modern school and convent, erected by the late loved and lovable Rev. John M. Kenny, who died as pastor of St. Ann's in Worcester. His successor at Leicester, Rev. William C. McCaughan, LL.D., also succeeded him at Worcester. The present pastor, Rev. John J. O'Malley, who built the beautiful parish church of Amherst, before going to Leicester, is making rapid progress in relieving St. Joseph's of its parish indebtedness, while maintaining the parish property in excellent material condition. He is an affable, kindly shepherd of his people, and certain of their openhanded co-operation in furthering his plans for their welfare.

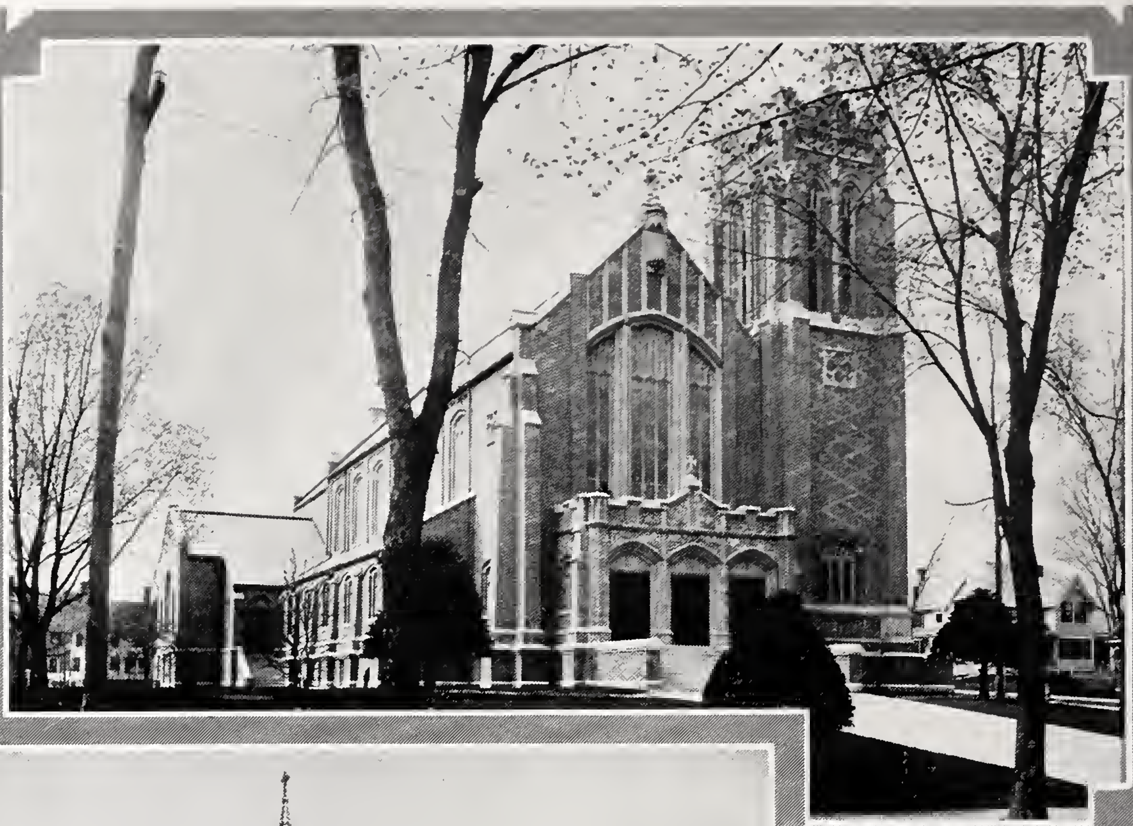
ROCHDALE is one of the towns visited by Father Fitton, where, apparently, he offered Mass for Catholic railroad workers as early as 1835. The church was erected from the lumber obtained from old St. Polycarp's Church in Leicester. The Jesuits from Worcester were in charge until Leicester became a parish, and then Father McGrath took Rochdale as his mission. He remodelled St. Aloysius, and Leicester continued to care for the neighboring mission until its transfer to Oxford in 1891. In November of the year 1904, it became an independent parish, of which Rev. C. A. Sullivan, now Monsignor Sullivan, of Springfield, was the first pastor. He added a suitable rectory to the parish property, which was kept in good condition, and the spiritual needs of the then thriving village were cared for subsequently by Fathers Ahern, McDonnell and Kelly. The present pastor is Rev. Jeremiah J. McCarthy, young and eloquent, and assuming his first parochial responsibility. Under him, Rochdale is assured of the best spiritual and material care. The longest pastorate was that of the late Rev. M. A. Kelly, whose pleasant, attractive personality won him friends among all classes in this unusually united community.

OXFORD, where Father Meigneault, of Webster, said the first Mass, in 1855, remained a part of the Webster parish until the formation of St. Roch's Parish, in 1886. The Church of St. Roch was constructed in 1856, under Father Meigneault's supervision, and the first edifice, renovated and enlarged, still stands, though Father Quan moved it from its original position to its present site. Father Charles Boylan, the first pastor, and his successors, added modern improvements, so that church and rectory today meet the demands of a thriving parish. In 1895, Rev. Patrick F. Hafey became pastor of Oxford and built St. Ann's Church, North Oxford, which has now become his parish church, in the recent division of the Oxford flock. Thus Father Hafey has been in Oxford for over thirty-five years, a stalwart leader of his people, instant and tireless in their service. For years, he also had charge of St. Aloysius' mission at Rochdale. When that became a separate congregation, he relinquished the services of an assistant, and cared for St. Roch's and St. Ann's for a quarter of a century. In 1926, he built a sightly rectory on the church grounds in North Oxford, and became pastor of what had been his mission. Father Hafey's record in Oxford is one of unselfish, self-sacrificing service, in which no task was too trivial, no sick call too long, and no storm too forbidding for his energy and priestly fervor.

On Father Hafey's accepting of North Oxford, Rev. John B. Farrell became pastor of St. Roch's, where he observed the twenty-fifth anniversary of his ordination amid festivities which reflected a people's appreciation of his first years of labor among them. Quiet, genial and efficient, Father Farrell has already done much to improve the church property and win his parishioners to increased fidelity in their attendance at divine service.

THE town of Auburn, adjoining both Worcester and Oxford, was cared for by both at various periods. The mission church was built by Rev. Thomas Griffin, of St. John's, in 1869. Auburn's last days as a mission were spent under the spiritual care of St. Peter's, during Father D. H. O'Neil's time. In 1907, St. Joseph's was elevated to the status of a parish, and Rev. John P. Phelan, a curate at St. Peter's, took charge. He erected a spacious and well appointed rectory, which became the headquarters of our diocesan missionaries. On Father Phelan's promotion to Whitinsville, the mission leader, Rev. James P. Moore, added the pastorate of St. Joseph's to his other duties, and retained it until the dissolution of the apostolate. He proved an able, sympathetic shepherd, and an efficient financial manager. His administration closed with a large balance on the right side of the ledger as a preparation for a school. The present pastor, Rev. John J. Keating, a former curate of St. Joseph's, has continued here the good work done in his earlier pastorate at Shelburne Falls. He is especially interested in the young of his flock, in whose instruction he spares neither time nor labor. Earnest and kindly, he wins and retains the esteem of any community in which he labors.

St. Joseph's Church, Charlton.
Rev. Harry J. Hackett, Pastor.



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IMMACULATE HEART OF
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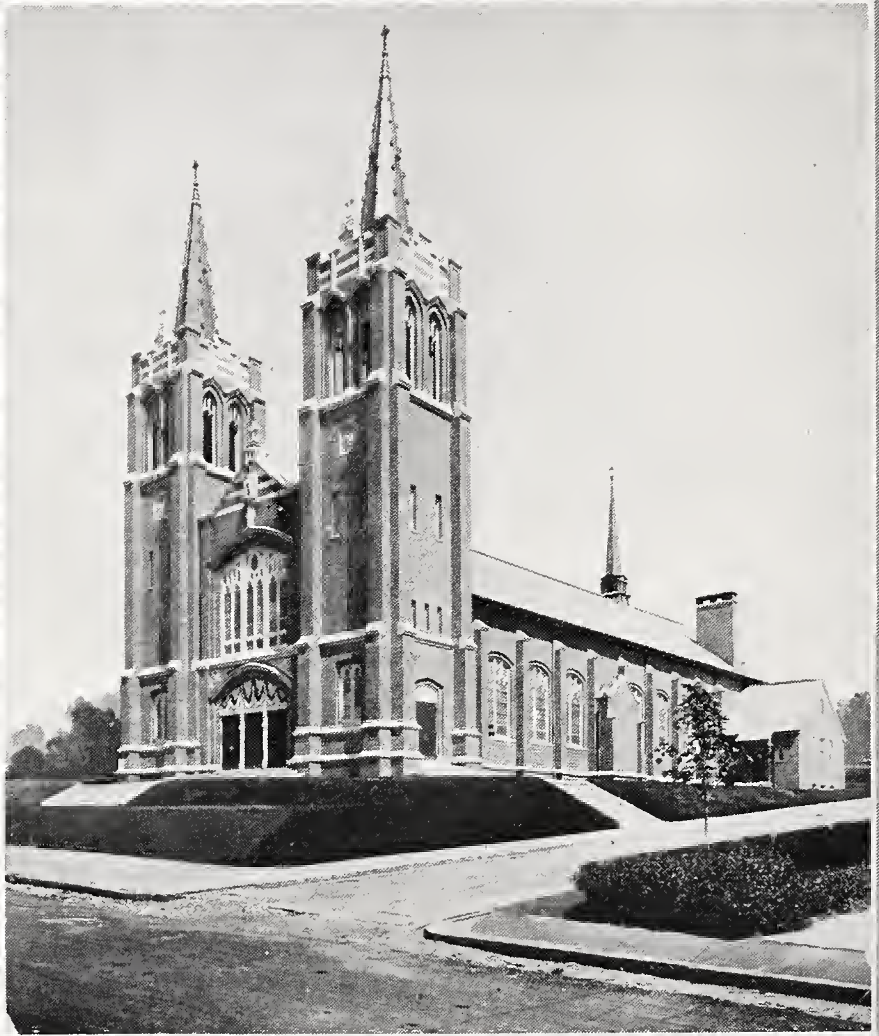
Rev. J. P. Hackett, Pastor.



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ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH, WEBSTER
Rt. Rev. Msgr. A. A. Cyran, Pastor.

Northern Worcester County

Turning north from Worcester, we find that the indefatigable missionaries from St. John's in the city neglected no one, even to the state boundaries. Father Fitton's diary records a Mass in Otter River as early as 1837, while St. Bernard's, Fitchburg, became a parish in 1856. Thus did the pioneer priests follow the Catholic laborers along the Boston & Maine and the Fitchburg, as well as along the Boston & Albany. The early Catholics of Fitchburg received attention not only from Worcester, but also from Waltham and from Holy Cross Cathedral, in Boston, one of whose priests, in 1845, offered the first recorded Mass. The first church, opened in 1847, by Father Gibson, was built of lumber from railroad shanties which was given by the contractor. The cornerstone of the second church was laid the following year, and the basement of a projected new church was used for several years, before the superstructure was added. The cornerstone of the noble structure which is now St. Bernard's was laid in 1869, during the pastorate of Rev. Cornelius Foley. The great missionary of earlier days, Rev. James Fitton, of East Boston, appropriately enough, preached the sermon. The first Mass was said in the new church, Christmas of the same year. The old folks of St. Bernard's still remember with veneration the kindly, lovable Father Foley, who yet had the initiative and energy to erect, back in 1869, a church structure which still compares favorably with our best.

Father Philip Garrigan, later on rector of the Catholic University at Washington, and Bishop of Sioux City, became pastor in 1875, opened the parish school of St. Bernard's and then brought to the diocese a new teaching order, the Irish foundation of Nano Nagle, the Sisters of the Presentation, in 1886. Several earlier attempts to establish Catholic schools under lay teachers had failed. He erected the first school, now the boys' school, on the site of the first church, and built a convent adjacent to the church.

When Father Garrigan went to the University, he was succeeded by Rev. Daniel F. Feehan, now Bishop of Fall River. Father Feehan increased the convent to many times its original size, and built the present girls' school. On his elevation to the episcopacy, he was succeeded by Rev. James J. Donnelly, the present pastor of St. Bernard's, whose reign of over twenty years has made an indelible impress on this parish, always fortunate in its spiritual leaders. St. Bernard's has undergone a "second spring" in Father Donnelly's pastorate. The entire church has been embellished, the rectory enlarged, the grounds extended, and St. Bernard's High School, the first Catholic high school in northern Worcester, has opened its doors to Catholics of St. Bernard's and neighboring flocks. It has everything required by modern education—large, lightsome class rooms, lovely hall, gymnasium, library, rest room, ample office room. Consequently, it surprised no one, but pleased all, when Bishop O'Leary presented Father Donnelly for the honors of the purple, and Pope Pius granted his request, so that the able, eloquent pastor of St. Bernard's is now a monsignor.

The first division of St. Bernard's came when the Sacred Heart congregation became a parish in West Fitchburg, in 1880. Father Garrigan, of St. Bernard's, had completed the church, the previous year, and Rev. James Canavan became first pastor. During the pastorate of Rev. John L. Tarpey, the parish school was opened. On Father Tarpey's death, in 1893, Rev. Thomas S. Hanrahan took charge of Sacred Heart, under which title the West Fitchburg parish was erected. He still occupies the same post. He built a suitable convent for the teaching Sisters, and enlarged the parish property to embrace a good

St. Bernard's Church, Fitchburg. Rt. Rev. Msgr. James J. Donnelly, P.R., Pastor.

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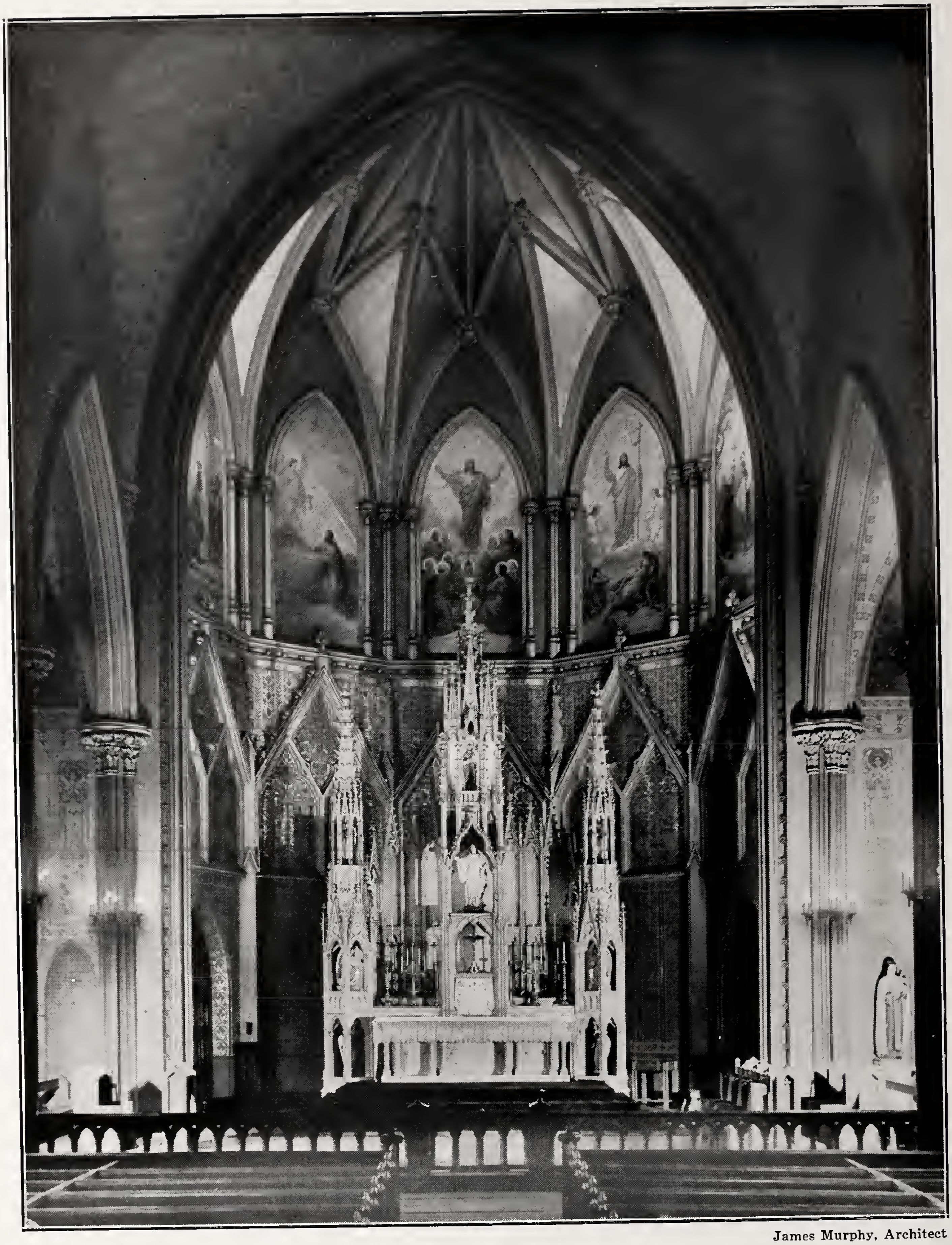

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Main Altar, St. Bernard's Church, Fitchburg
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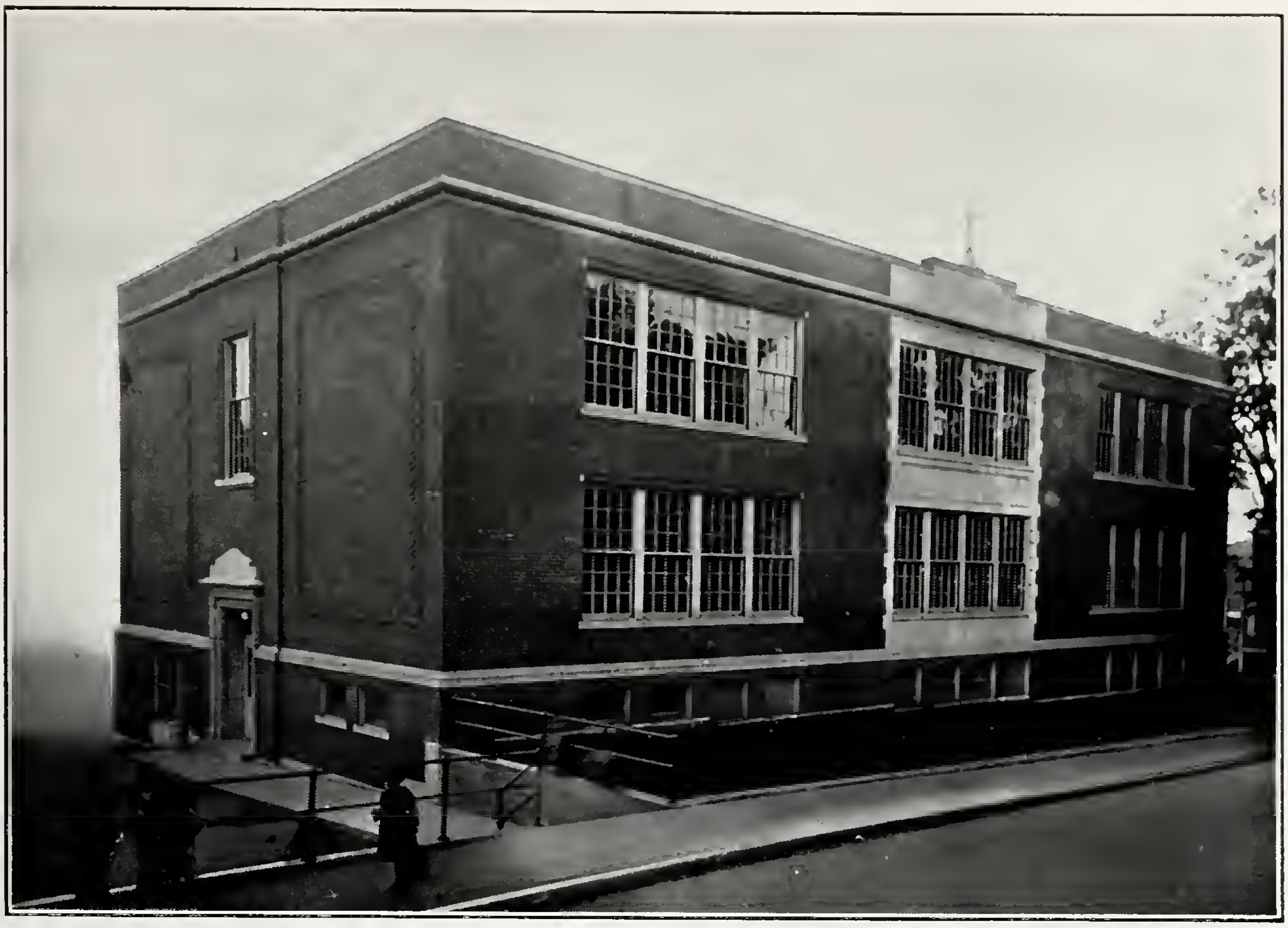

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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SCHOOL, FITCHBURG

Rev. W. J. Morin, Pastor. Daughters of the Holy Ghost in charge.

athletic field. Quiet, retiring, unassuming, Father Hanrahan is a lovable character, whose kindly words and deeds are imbedded deep in the hearts of his West Fitchburg people. In recent times, his health has not been rugged, but he has continued to perform the works of his ministry, and is approaching forty years among a people whose loyal Catholicity is largely the work of his mind and heart.

WITH the increase of French Canadians, a French speaking parish was formed from St. Bernard's, in 1886, and became the Immaculate Conception. The founder was Rev. Clovis Beaudin, who built a frame chapel that later became the parish school. The school was opened in 1894, though there had been an earlier school under lay teachers. The gentle, wholesouled Father Jules Graton opened the schools, built a rectory and roofed in the basement of a proposed new church, which served for divine worship until the present pastorate. Rev. Joseph Dalpe, now rector of Holy Name, in Worcester, acted for two decades as pastor of Immaculate Conception. He was busy, caring for the manifold needs of a scattered flock, and collecting funds for the completion of the parish church. Before his plans were put into operation, he was promoted to Worcester, and his successor, Rev. William J. Morin, has completed the Immaculate Conception buildings by finishing the church and erecting a new and modern school. He is the hustling type, under whose inspiring supervision Fitchburg's first French speaking parish has taken on a new lease of life.

THE first division of the Immaculate Conception fold resulted in the parish of St. Joseph, at Cleghorn, in West Fitchburg. The first pastor was Rev. Joseph Forest, who began divine service in what was once a Universalist church. Under him and his successor, the Rev. C. H. Jeannotte, the permanent church was built, in a commanding position, overlooking the West Fitchburg highway. Father Jeannotte said the first Mass in the new edifice in 1892. Two years later, he was promoted to North Adams, and the La Salette Fathers took charge of St. Joseph's. They are still conducting the affairs of this parish, and have met with marked success, both in parochial administration and in educational work, which is conducted by the Order of the Faithful Companions. Two large school buildings, one for boys and one for girls, house thirteen hundred and fifty pupils. Scarcely a dozen children of this parish are ever enrolled in other schools. A plain, but spacious, rectory, a large convent, and a private academy for girls complete an imposing array of buildings dedicated, in this one parish, to religious and educational work. The present pastor, Rev. Simon Forestier, has five assistants, who not only do the work of St. Joseph's, but preach missions and retreats throughout the diocese.

THE Immaculate Conception was again divided to form the parish of St. Francis Assisi, in South Fitchburg, whose pastor, the venerable Rev. L. A. Langlois, has seen small and arduous beginnings grow into a thriving parish, since his appointment in 1903. Housing himself in a tenement structure for years, this zealous pastor erected a modern school building, the hall of which he used for holy Mass and parochial devotions. Gradually he lowered his debt by dint of strict economy, and unceasing toil. His parish children overcrowded the school, but he met the emergency by rigging up temporary quarters for the primary grades. Only in 1929, the labor of more than two decades came to fruition, when he dedicated an imposing church structure, and so was able to employ the entire original building for school purposes. Father Langlois has certainly borne the burdens of the day and the heat thereof in South Fitchburg, but he has emerged from the trying years with a complete parish plant and the abiding affection of the people for whom he labored the major part of his fifty years in the priesthood.

THE youngest in Fitchburg's family of parishes is St. Anthony of Padua, established in 1907 for the Italian speaking members of St. Bernard's. The pastor is Rev. A. Carpinella, who has accomplished much to create a strong, loyal parish spirit among his parishioners. He knows that the hope of his parish is the children, and is assisted by the Felician Sisters in instructing the little ones in the truths of their Faith.

THE second town north of Worcester to establish an independent parish was Clinton, where St. John's Parish was formed in 1862. Father Gibson, of Worcester, offered the first Mass, a field Mass, in 1845, and thenceforth the tireless missionaries of St. John's, Worcester, cared for the people until their growing numbers justified independent parochial life. During its years as a mission, Clinton was attended by Father Boyce, famed writer and preacher, and his assistant, Rev. P. T. O'Reilly, the future bishop. Rev. J. J. Connolly was the first resident pastor. Death took several of St. John's earlier pastors,

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Immaculate Conception Church, Fitchburg. Rev. W. J. Morin, Pastor.

and in 1868 Rev. R. J. Patterson became head of the Clinton flock, and remained until his death, at the dawn of the present century, a pastorate of over thirty years. Under him, the present striking Romanesque church replaced the earlier frame building. It was dedicated in 1886, and the dedicatory sermon was delivered by the famous Dominican, Father McKenna.

Two years later, the school was opened in the old church. The Sisters' convent was a frame structure, nearby. This arrangement obtained until the pastorate of Father Hickey, now Bishop of Providence, who erected, at a cost which in those days seemed appalling, the new grammar school, while the purchase of the Corcoran estate gave the teaching Sisters a suitable home. These schools rank with the best in scholastic appointments, while the modern hall was used to good purpose during the pastorate of Rev. John J. Bell, to lower the staggering debt. Previous to Father Hickey's going to Clinton, Rev. John J. O'Keefe passed a busy decade at the head of St. John's. Father O'Keefe was a man of great missionary zeal, and, during his time, it is said that horse and buggy started to the four points of the compass every Sunday, caring for neighboring missions at Oakdale, Lancaster and Harvard. He did much to obtain spiritual care for the inmates of state institutions. The sweet-toned chimes of St. John's were his addition to the church equipment. Rev. Michael Kittredge, who succeeded him, labored successfully to settle the mooted cemetery question, and bring peace to the parish. The present pastor, Rev. Patrick J. Griffin, succeeded Father Bell, on the latter's promotion to Worcester, and has already won the confidence and esteem of this historic parish. He is an able, energetic leader, remembered for splendid pastoral work at Bondsville and Lee.

THE parish of Our Lady of the Rosary, Clinton, formed in 1909, is a division of St. John's. It was fortunate in having, for its first pastor, Rev. Edward J. Fitzgerald, long and favorably known to Clinton people as the trusted assistant of Father O'Keefe. He had the fullest co-operation of his people from the very start, and erected the striking school and rectory which overlook Clinton from the South. Skillfully graded and terraced grounds made this a beauty spot, at the junction of the Berlin and Worcester roads. The school hall is still used for divine service, while the parish has conducted its own schools, almost from the beginning. Owing to the industrial reverses which have struck the town in recent years, the dream of a parish church cannot be realized in the immediate future. In spite of a financial burden and business depression, Rev. Stephen C. Hallissey, Father Fitzgerald's able successor, has done wonders in maintaining parish activities, and slicing the debt. He is of a quiet, affable disposition, whose work always shows solid rather than showy returns. Father Hallissey is a convincing speaker and a beloved pastor.

IN RECENT years the Poles came to Clinton in numbers large enough to justify a new parish in 1916, under Father Fux. His successors were Fathers Bloom and Polanski, the latter of whom built the school. In their early days the Polish Catholics were cared for successively by Polish speaking assistants at St. John's and the Rosary. They already have church and school, and although their first church was destroyed by fire,

Sanctuary of St. Francis of Assisi Church, Fitchburg. Rev. L. A. Langlois, Pastor.

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St. Francis of Assisi Church, Fitchburg
Rev. L. A. Langlois, Pastor.

their characteristic energy soon had its place filled by a satisfactory emergency building, while nearly three hundred pupils frequent the parish classrooms. The present pastor is Rev. C. C. Zdebel, founder of the Polish parish at Hatfield, whose influence for good is reflected in the sound financial and spiritual condition of his flock.

LANCASTER, too, in 1915, became a separate parish. The mission church which served for long years after its erection by Father Patterson, of St. John's, Clinton, was enlarged and beautified by the first pastor, the gracious Rev. John Boyle, who died in this first charge. His successor, Rev. Edmund Murphy, who remained for twelve years, erected the neat little chapel of St. Teresa for the mission at Harvard.

AFTER Fitchburg and Clinton came the foundation of a parish at Otter River, in 1864. Of course, Father Fitton said the first Mass, nearly thirty years earlier. In fact, he established a station there for Mass at fixed times. Father Gibson erected St. Martin's Church and said the first Mass therein in 1854. St. Bernard's, of Fitchburg, then became a parish and cared for Otter River until Rev. Thomas Bannon organized a parish in 1864, as a new mission center to care for Orange, Petersham, Westminster, Royalston, Hubbardston, Ashburnham, Barre and Gardner. Among the early pastors of this center were the famous Rev. William Orr of Cambridge, Rev. Robert Walsh, who built the present rectory, and later founded the Immaculate Conception in Worcester, and Rev. Thomas Purcell, who practically made St. Martin's a new church by extensive repairs and additions, and by beautifying the grounds. The more recent pastorates of Fathers Howard and Dolan did much to enhance the value and beauty of the church property. The present pastor is Rev. James T. Reilly, who served for twenty years as diocesan missioner, before being assigned to St. Martin's. He is a forceful preacher, with the typical zeal of a missionary in the direction of souls.

THOUGH Barre did not become a parish until early in the present century, 1903, its first Mass was offered by Father Fitton about 1838, and he visited Barre twice a year while he was in Worcester. Fitchburg and Webster served the people of Barre in turn, and it speaks volumes for the priestly zeal of Father James Quan, of Webster, that he built the first church in Barre in 1858, and it served until destroyed by fire in 1896. After the establishment of St. Martin's, at Otter River, Barre was a mission of that parish, except for a short time, when it was attached to North Brookfield and Father Purcell, of Otter River, after the fire of 1896, erected Barre's pres-

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St. John's School, Clinton
Rev. P. J. Griffin, Pastor. Sisters of Presentation in charge.

ent beautiful rural church, a frame building of the Gothic type. At the opening of the new century, Barre became an independent flock under Rev. Michael W. Mulhane, who is still there. Though no longer a young man, Father Mulhane, for over a quarter of a century, has cared for St. Joseph's, Barre, and first, the people of South Barre, and today the mission of St. Augustine, in Wheelwright. In the pastorate of Father Hickey at Gilbertville, South Barre passed to his care, and Wheelwright was transferred to Barre. Father Mulhane's long years of priestly service have endeared him to his people, while the citizens at large have honored him with more than one position of civic trust.

THE first mission to withdraw from the Otter River fold was Winchendon, where Mass was probably said for the scattered Catholics back in the forties by Father Daly, of New Hampshire and Father O'Callaghan, of Vermont. Then Worcester and Fitchburg gave periodic attention to the handful of Catholics in Winchendon, until the establishment of the Otter River Parish. The first pastors of Otter River cared for Winchendon until Rev. Dennis Moran was made its first pastor in 1871, with Ashburnham, Gardner and Westminster as missions. With his wonted ability and determination, Father Moran began collecting for a new church, the basement of which he completed and had

St. Leo's Church, Leominster.
Rev. M. J. Slattery, Pastor.

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Our Lady of the Rosary Church and School, Clinton
Rev. S. C. Hallissey, Pastor. Sisters of Presentation in charge of School.

dedicated under the title of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Spacious and well lighted, it met all the church needs until Winchendon's financial status justified the erection of a superstructure. Father John Conway constructed a parish rectory, frescoed and beautified the basement chapel and graded the grounds. The present pastor is Rev. J. P. Hackett, who completed the beautiful church of the Immaculate Heart, and has made the church property perhaps the most sightly in Winchendon. Father Hackett speaks English and French with equal facility, and makes an ideal head for a parish in which both languages are essential.

THE next town to withdraw from the Otter River group was Gardner, whose Catholic people often walked the entire distance to Otter River for their Sunday Mass. With the founding of the Winchendon parish, Gardner changed its spiritual allegiance to the new foundation, and, under Father Moran, Gardner's new church of the Sacred Heart was dedicated in 1875. Five years later, Rev. Michael Murphy became the first resident pastor, and soon had graded the parish grounds and constructed the present home for the priests of the parish. In 1887, Father Murphy was succeeded by Rev. John F. McDermott, just a month after the church had been destroyed by fire. Father McDermott, thanks to

St. Joseph's Church, Fitchburg. Rev. Simon Forestier, M.S., Pastor.

ST. JOSEPH'S CONVENT AND RECTORY, FITCHBURG

his predecessor's foresight, collected enough insurance to clear the parish of debt and make plans for a new church, the present fine frame structure, whose graceful steeple has long been a landmark in Gardner. Father McDermott was head of this parish for over thirty years, and left a name held in benediction for gentleness in dealing with his flock and efficiency in parochial management. His successor, who has just passed to his reward, was Rev. John A. Fitzgerald, who purchased an admirable convent for the Sisters and opened a parish school which already boasts an attendance of nearly two hundred fifty pupils. Father Fitzgerald, similar in kindly disposition to his genial predecessor, did much to complete the Sacred Heart plant, though poor health handicapped him throughout his stay in Gardner. Sacred Heart is temporarily in charge of Rev. John I. Foley.

DURING Father Murphy's service in Gardner, the French speaking members of his flock organized a separate parish, Our Lady of the Rosary, in 1884. The first pastor, the aged Father Sobi, had the foresight to purchase a large piece of land, which has proven none too large for the needs of his growing parish. He erected a "combination" structure which long served as church, school and convent, and was given over to school usage on the completion of the church. Father A. E. Langevin added to the original property, and after building a rectory, began the construction of the present spacious church. The present pastor, Rev. A. H. Powers, has completed the parish plant, by discarding the old frame school, a building which had served its purpose, and erecting a modern brick school which today houses more than one thousand pupils. Father Powers established the new parish at Linwood before going to his present post, where his completed edifice is the most imposing in Gardner.

THOUGH there were Catholics in Athol in the forties, and Worcester had a station there, it did not become a parish until 1882. Athol tradition tells of visits by Father Fitton as well

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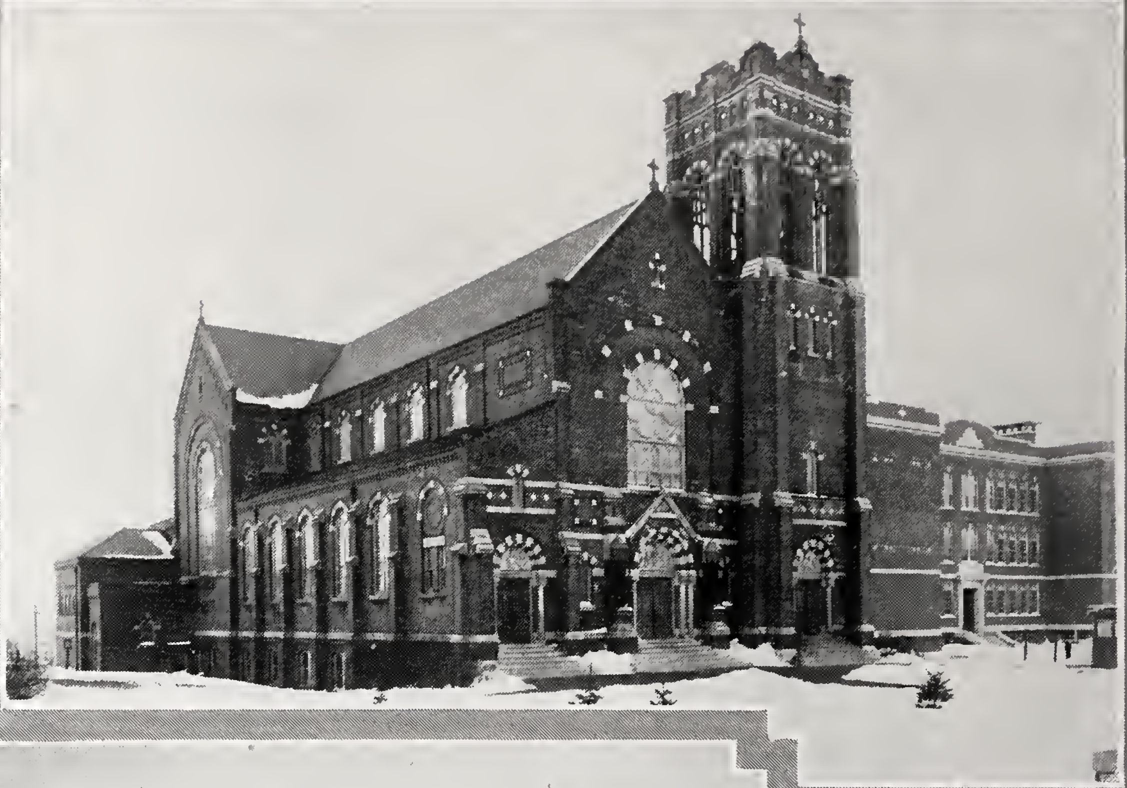

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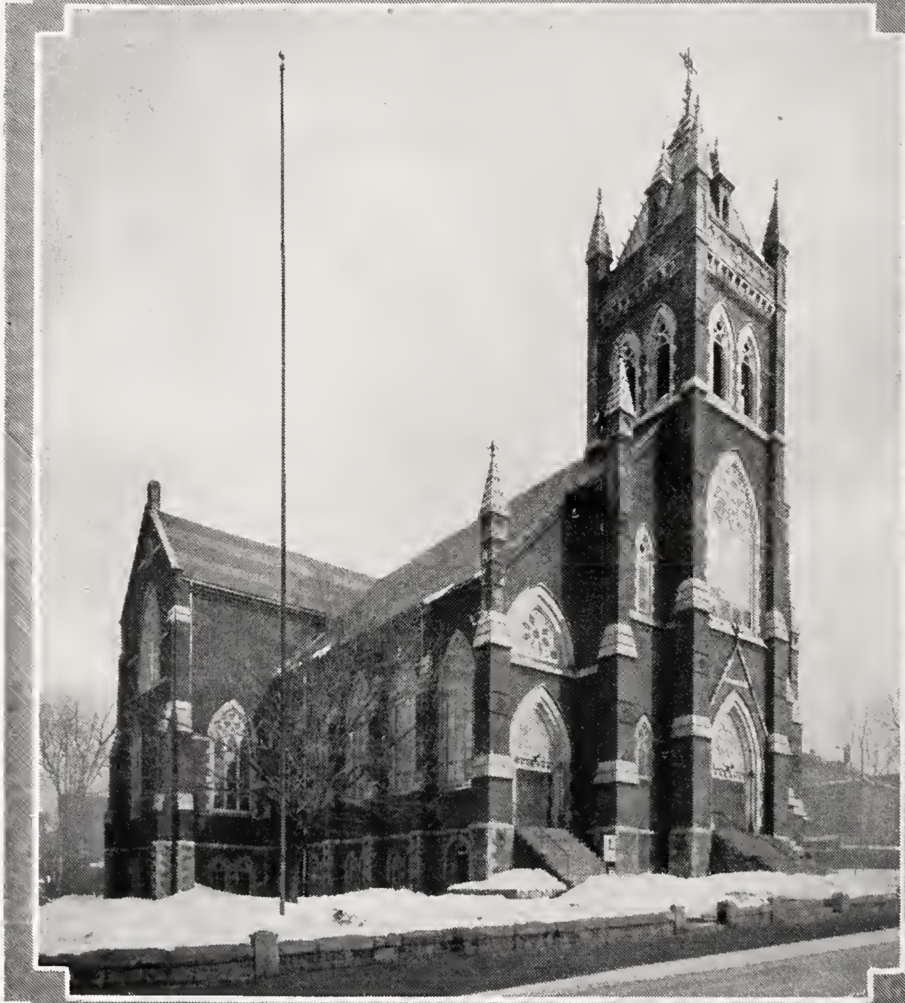

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Rev. P. J. Griffin, Pastor.

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CHURCH OF OUR LADY IMMACULATE, ATHOL
Rev. M. J. Curran, D.D., Pastor.

as Fathers Daly and O'Callaghan. Athol appeared in the records of Father Gibbons, of Worcester, in 1846, and from 1850, he attended the people regularly. It was subsequently entrusted to Fitchburg and Otter River. Father Turpin, of Fitchburg, purchased an old Baptist church, which served the Catholics of Athol until 1884. In 1882, Rev. Edward Martin was made the first pastor, with North Dana and Orange as missions. He proved himself a business man by purchasing a grove, selling the timber for more than the grove cost, and building the basement of his future

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Upper—OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY SCHOOL, GARDNER
Rev. A. H. Powers, Pastor.
Sisters of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary in charge.

Center—ST. LEO'S SCHOOL, LEOMINSTER
Rev. M. J. Slattery, Pastor.
Sisters of the Presentation in charge.

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ST. MARY'S SCHOOL, CLINTON
Rev. Stanislaus C. Zdebel, Pastor.
Bernardine Sisters in charge.

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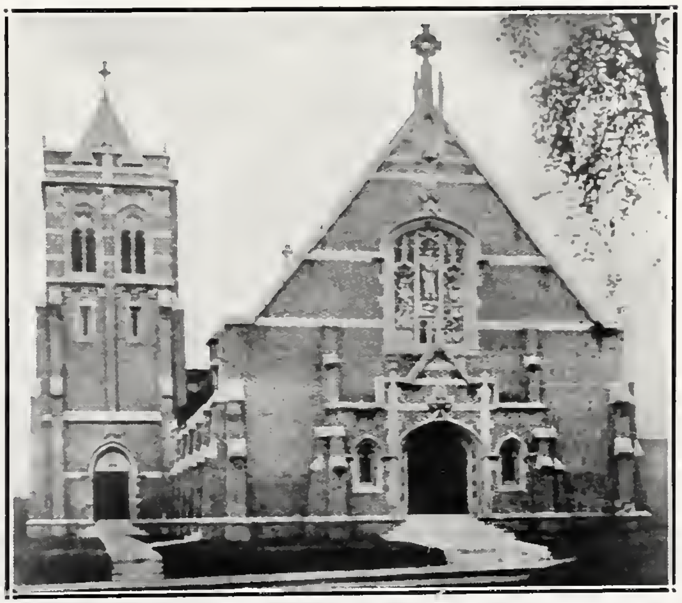
church. He also built a suitable rectory, but never felt financially able to finish the church. However, he paid all debts, and left a sum on interest in the bank for his successor, Rev. James J. Howard, who completed the present Gothic church and did excellent work in developing parish unity and pride in our Catholic Faith. He was insistent "in season and out of season" in catechetical instruction, and transmitted a well instructed flock to his successor, the present pastor, Rev. Michael J. Curran, D.D., who, like Father Howard, is a fluent French speaker, and so meets all the needs of a bi-lingual parish. Father Curran adds deep zeal to exceptional ability, and leaves no stone unturned to further the interests of his people. Though the original church was dedicated to God in honor of St. Catherine, Father Howard changed the title to the Immaculate Conception.

DURING the pastorate of the late Father Howard, he erected the mission chapel of St. Peter's at Petersham, and it became a parish in 1917 with Rev. Thomas F. McKoan, now of Shrewsbury, as first pastor. He and his successors, Rev. Joseph P. Martin and the present pastor, Rev. James P. Lynes, have led zealous missionary lives, seeking out isolated Catholics in Petersham and North Dana, with its mission chapel of St. Ann, and bringing them back to the practice of their faith. All three have won golden opinions of priests and people for their fine devotion to duty in what is, humanly speaking, an unpromising corner of the Springfield vineyard. It seems possible that this newly established pastorate will all but disappear with the creation of the new metropolitan reservoir.

EIGHT years after Otter River left the spiritual jurisdiction of Fitchburg, the Catholics of Leominster felt able to shift for themselves parochially, and in 1872 Rev. Daniel Shiel became their first pastor. Father Foley, of Fitchburg, had earlier purchased a Methodist church and rectory, and these served the parish for years. The new pastor enlarged the church and ultimately built a more suitable home for the parish clergy. He had the foresight to acquire the land on which his successor, Rev. Eugene Toher, completed the St. Leo plant. Once the parish finances permitted, Father Shiel had plans drawn for a new church on the Previer estate, and the work was in sight of completion when his final call came, after over thirty years in this one assignment. His successor was Rev. Eugene Toher, under whom a staggering mortgage was quietly paid, a new parish school was erected, temporary convent and rectory were formed from the sturdy buildings on the Previer estate, and, after more than a quarter of a century in Leominster, where he celebrated the golden jubilee of his ordination, Father Toher passed to his reward with the love and respect of Catholic and non-Catholic alike. The present pastor is Rev. Michael T. Slattery, of whose exceptional work we speak elsewhere, in the review of his Northbridge activities. He has already made extensive improvements by renovating the rectory and beginning the construction of a modern convent to house the teaching Sisters.

THE opening of the present century saw the French speaking population of Leominster sufficiently increased to call for a new parish, and it was established under Rev. Wilfred Balthasard in 1900. He purchased a tenement house for rectory, held divine service in an inexpensive frame building, but erected a sightly brick school for the Catholic education of his parish children. The parish was dedicated under the title of St. Cecilia, and supported a flourishing school from its earliest days. Father Balthasard's successor, and the present pastor, is Rev. J. E. Chicoine, who found his work doubled by a conflagration which destroyed the school. The hundreds of children then thrown out of classrooms received scant sympathy from the public school authorities of Leominster, who invoked the anti-aid provision of our state constitution to avoid giving any assist-



Church of Our Lady Immaculate, Athol. Rev. M. J. Curran, D.D., Pastor.

John W. Donohue, Architect

ance to the unfortunate parish. Father Chicoine and his parishioners met the crisis courageously, obtained school accommodations wherever they could in private hall and dwelling, and carried on with a minimum loss of school time. They set to work to raise funds for a new school, and, in a remarkably short period, the new St. Cecilia's appeared bigger and better than ever with a hall large enough to be employed for divine service. Of course, the school disaster has retarded the erection of a parish church, but Father Chicoine looks for that in the near future. Long years of fruitful leadership have won for him the full confidence and co-operation of an appreciative people, and the new St. Cecilia's is a consummation soon to be realized.

WORCESTER, Otter River, Winchendon and West Fitchburg, in turn, looked after the Catholics of Ashburnham, where the Worcester missionaries established a station as early as 1846, and the first church of St. Denis was dedicated back in 1871, an old Methodist church remodeled for Catholic services. In 1893, Father Tarpey, of West Fitchburg, erected the mission church of St. Ann's, in South Ashburnham. Two years later, Rev. Dr. David Moyes became first pastor of the two Ashburnhams, with St. Ann's as the parish church. Since then the population has not increased, but a series of zealous pastors, including Rev. Patrick Morrissey and Rev. Francis O'Malley, who died there, and Father Curran, now of Athol, have kept the little churches in good repair and kept the faith of the people alive and active. The present rector is Rev. James R. McCarthy, who, in his first pastorate, is showing praiseworthy care, especially of the young and their instruction, and is "carrying on" from where his industrious predecessors left off.

THE most recent additions to the family of parishes in northern Worcester are St. Francis' Lithuanian parish in Athol and St. Joseph's Polish Parish in Gardner, St. Francis' was founded by Rev. G. Meskanas, but he was succeeded almost immediately by Father A. Petraitis, who remained fourteen years and built and dedicated the present church. His successor, Rev. A. Daugis, has just departed for other fields of labor, and the present pastor is Rev. Pius Juraitis, who earlier saw service under Soviet Russia.

The present pastor in charge of St. Joseph's Polish flock in Gardner, established in 1907, by Father Rodziewicz, is Rev. S. J. Chlapowski. Father Krzywda erected a combination church and school, though only the church is in use up to the present. The zeal of Father Chlapowski is being seconded by his people, so that soon the financial status of the flock will enable him to erect a suitable church and open his school for the education of the little ones of his fold.

JUST outside of Worcester is an almost forgotten chapter of church history—almost forgotten because almost wiped out by the Metropolitan Water Works. West Boylston is no more, but it has an honorable place in our diocesan annals. The first Mass was offered in 1844 by Father Riordan, of Springfield, and in 1846, the priests of St. John's, Worcester, began their ministrations. A little later the energetic Father Meigneault of Webster cared for the French speaking people. The first chapel, completed in 1854, was called St. Luke's. Then West Boylston became a mission of Clinton until 1869, when, thanks to the influx of Catholic shoemakers, it became a parish under Rev. A. J. Derbuel, who had Shrewsbury and Holden as his missions. The increasing population soon outgrew St. Luke's, and, in 1882, the new church of St. Anthony of Padua was dedicated. It was located on the highway between West Boylston and Oakdale. Father Derbuel's successor was Rev. D. F. Feehan, now Bishop of Fall River, who, in admiration, erected a fitting memorial to Father Derbuel and carried on his work zealously until his promotion to Fitchburg. Fire destroyed the church in the pastorate of Father Campeau, but the generosity of the stricken people soon erected a more imposing house of worship. Scarcely had the new St. Anthony's been dedicated when the Massachusetts Legislature voted to wipe out West Boylston for the new Metropolitan Reservoir, and all the church property was taken by the state. West Boylston is no more, but its memory is a pleasant one in the early days of our diocese.

OAKDALE, previously a part of the West Boylston Parish, became successively a mission of St. John's, Clinton, and Holy Rosary, Worcester, under the title of Our Lady of Good Counsel, until its formation as an independent parish,

SISTERS' CONVENT, ST. BERNARD'S PARISH, FITCHBURG

in 1929. This new church has the altar, windows, and pews of the old St. Anthony of Padua Church, which was dismantled. The first pastor is Rev. William F. Smith, who has already done much to mold his flock into parish unity. He is an eloquent, energetic pastor, who gains and keeps the confidence and affection of his people. His charge includes the neighboring town of Sterling, where he says Mass in the Town Hall.

THE name of West Boylston suggests the early days of the Church in Holden, once a mission of West Boylston, though it had earlier been a charge of Worcester and later reverted to the care of the Immaculate Conception Parish in the same city. The first Mass was said by Father Gibson, of Worcester, in 1850, in a private house. Eighteen years later, the late Monsignor Griffin, of Worcester, had the first church dedicated in Holden Center. In 1884, Holden became a separate parish, with Rev. James McClosky in charge. He acquired a rectory adjacent to the church. His successor, Rev. Thomas F. Joyce, died a martyr to duty, passing away after the exposure of a long, cold sick call to a distant town. Rev. John D. McGann, now of St. Paul's, Worcester, changed the site of the church to Jeffersonville, where the bulk of the Catholic people reside. He purchased a convenient plot on which he erected the sightly Romanesque church of St. Mary's. Fathers John F. Lee and James M. Prendergast followed in this pastorate. The present pastor, Rev. Thomas H. McNamara, has charge of the State Sanitarium and the mission of St. Patrick's, at Rutland, and in summer conducts services in Princeton. He succeeded Rev. James Prendergast, under whom he served as a curate. By a happy turn of events, Father Prendergast died in the parish where he was born, and where, three quarters of a century earlier, his father assisted at Father Gibson's first Mass, in the house of Michael McLaughlin, whose son and two grandsons entered the priesthood of our diocese.

When Father Robert Walsh, of the Immaculate Conception, Worcester, took charge of Holden, he purchased a Congregational church in Rutland, and dedicated it to Catholic service under the title of St. Patrick. It is still in use. Father McNamara covers a wide territory in his pastoral jurisdiction. He is an active, enthusiastic worker, much loved by his parishioners and his state charges at the Rutland Sanitarium.

Sacred Heart of Jesus School, Gardner. Rev. John I. Foley, Administrator.

Reverend Patrick Healy, V.G.

IN MEMORIAM

Reverend Patrick Healy, V.G.

First Vicar General of Springfield Diocese

Pastor of Holy Name, in Chicopee, for a quarter of a century, under whom Holy Name was consecrated, founder of parish school education in our diocese, shepherd of Springfield, Indian Orchard, Mittineague, South Hadley and Ware, able financial administrator, fearless champion of the faith, unfailing in kindness to poor and needy.

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Hampden County Memorial Bridge, Spanning the Connecticut River at Springfield

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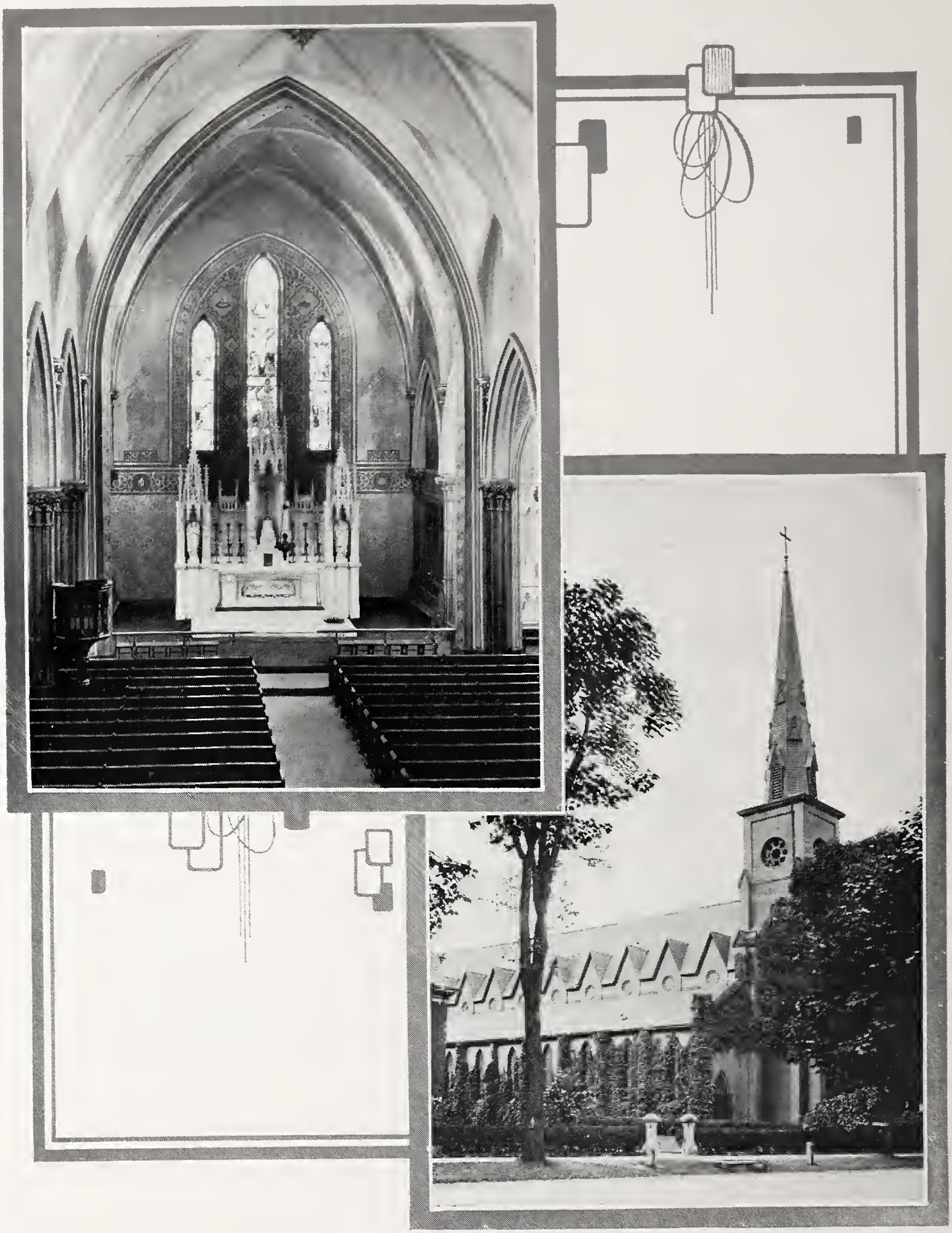

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Holy Name Church, Chicopee

The oldest Catholic church in the Connecticut Valley. Rt. Rev. Msgr. John F. Conlin, P.R., Pastor.

Seed that Fell on Good Ground in the Connecticut Valley

Catholicism in Hampden County goes well back beyond a century. Father Fitton, the great-souled missionary of Hartford and Worcester, found Catholic families in what is now Springfield and Chicopee as early as 1828. Irish laborers came in large numbers in the early thirties, when the mills opened at Chicopee and the dam was constructed at Holyoke. They continued westward with the lines of railroads. We have passed the centenary of Father Fitton's first labors. which carried him to the seat of our present episcopal see and west to the then great open spaces of Berkshire.

Hampden's first parish foundation was at Cabotville, then a part of Springfield, but now the City of Chicopee. The cradle of organized Catholicism in the Connecticut Valley of our diocese was St. Matthew's, now Holy Name Parish, of Chicopee, whose early priests extended their missionary travels to Ware and Palmer, to Great Barrington and Mill River. Father John Brady established this parish in 1841. From this mother parish, St. Joseph's, of Pittsfield, was cut off to become, in turn, the centre of Berkshire's Catholic growth, and St. Michael's (at first St. Benedict's), in Springfield, from which the strong, sturdy flocks of the episcopal city and its suburbs were gradually granted independent parochial life.

It is a far cry from the scattered families of a century ago to the compact, united, flourishing parish units of today, and it would require many a volume to depict the struggles, rebuffs, discouragements and "triumphs in failure" by which the then desert of Catholicism was made to blossom as the rose, in such Catholic centres as Springfield, Chicopee, Holyoke, and Westfield. Undaunted, indeed, must have been the spirit of priest and people to hew through that wilderness of discouragements to the light of today. But man did his full part and "God giveth the increase."

Under the guidance of Father Brady, in the forties, Father Blenkinsop in the fifties, and Father Healy in the sixties and seventies, Holy Name was a real source of light and leading. Christian education early received here the attention it merits everywhere. Lay teachers used the galleries of old St. Matthew's to unfold the doctrines of the Master. Scarcely had St. Matthew's made way for the larger and more imposing Holy Name when Father Healy opened the first parish schools in our diocese, in 1867, under the Sisters of Notre Dame, who celebrated their golden jubilee in Chicopee fourteen years ago.

In 1872, Father P. T. Stone became pastor of the second Chicopee parish, St. Patrick's, at Chicopee Falls. Within ten years, he was ready to open his schools, and by a happy coincidence, his schools were the first opened in our diocese by the Sisters of St. Joseph, of Flushing, Long Island, destined to become our diocesan teaching Order, and crown their system, nearly half a century later, by opening our first Catholic college for girls.

By another happy coincidence, the present pastor of Holy Name, where our first parish school opened, is Msgr. John F. Conlin, diocesan supervisor of schools for more than a quarter of a

Holy Name Grade School, Chicopee, one of three splendid parish school buildings. Rt. Rev. Msgr. John F. Conlin, P.R., Pastor. Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur in charge.

George P. Dion, Architect

ST. STANISLAUS' SCHOOL, CHICOPEE
Rev. L. M. Cyman, O.M.C., Pastor. Sisters of St. Francis, O.M.C., in charge.

century. During his pastorate, Monsignor Conlin added to the Holy Name group the first high school building in our diocese dedicated exclusively to the teaching of science. He has enlarged the boys' school, renovated the church, school and rectory, beautified the parish grounds and made the oldest parish in our Connecticut Valley one of the most complete plants within the limits of our diocese.

THOUGH St. Patrick's was organized in 1872, nearly sixty years ago, its present pastor, Rev. John R. Murphy, is the immediate successor of the founder, the genial and gentle Father Stone. In our priesthood are four golden jubilarians: Monsignor Sheehan, of Ware, the dean of all in point of service, Father Murphy of Chicopee, Father Carroll of Palmer, and Father Langlois of Fitchburg. Father Murphy has passed over a quarter of a century among the people of his present charge, who have long since learned to love him for his qualities of mind and heart.

THAT the Canadians early came to Chicopee and were cared for by the priests of Holy Name was recently recalled by the facts brought to light by the episode of Rev. Patrick J. Power. After a lapse of over sixty years, the events at his grave in Malden called attention to his baptismal and marriage records at Holy Name and the Cathedral. It was noted that most of those to whom he ministered were French Canadians, whose language he knew from his studies at Quebec and Louvain. A current account said that Father Power was assistant at St. Matthew's Church in Chicopee, but St. Matthew's had given way to the Holy Name seven or eight years before the arrival of the saintly Boston levite. Holy Name was dedicated in 1859. Father Power's fluency in French is another tribute to the prudent foresight of the great Father Fitton, who thus had his protégé trained at Quebec and Louvain, to minister to our first Canadians.

Holy Name Primary School, Chicopee. Rt. Rev. Msgr. John F. Conlin, P.R., Pastor. Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur in charge.

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ST. STANISLAUS' CHURCH, CHICOPEE
Rev. L. M. Cyman, O.M.C., Pastor.

In the early eighties, the Canadians had increased in numbers sufficiently to justify the establishment of an independent parish, of which Father E. Pelletier became the first pastor, in 1885; and in 1893, Father A. Delphos became first resident pastor of the French speaking flock at Chicopee Falls. Father Frederick Bonneville succeeded Father Pelletier and remained at Chicopee thirty-five years until the close of his life, in 1927. He had the misfortune to lose his church through a fire, but turned misfortune to advantage by building an imposing new church and rectory in a more central location, nearer to his people and the parish schools which he had founded. His successor, the

POLISH FALCONS DRUM CORPS

Polish Falcon Drum Corps, Chicopee
Rev. L. M. Cyman, O.M.C., Pastor, St. Stanislaus' Parish, Spiritual Director.

present pastor, is Rev. Dr. L. T. Rodier, promoted to his Chicopee parish in recognition of exceptional work at Ludlow. He has already formulated plans for new parish schools and convent.

ON THE death of Father Delphos, St. Joachim's was placed in charge of Rev. Geo. H. Gagnon, who in 1922 constructed a large, handsome church and in 1928 opened a splendid school for the parish children, and a new convent for the teaching Sisters. At the dedication, the new church was called St. George's, and is, perhaps, the most prominent structure in Chicopee Falls, as it towers on the hill above the bridge.

IT WAS Father Healy who welcomed the first Polish people to Chicopee—a group of bewildered strangers whom he met in the Springfield depot, and who rushed to him as he passed, seeking his guidance. They were under the care of Holy Name Parish until Father Chalupka organized an independent congregation in 1891 and opened a parish school in 1897. In 1901, the parish was entrusted to the Franciscan Fathers, under Rev. Stanislaus Jaskolski. The principal event of his pastorate was the completion of the imposing brownstone church. His successor, Rev. Lawrence M. Cyman, O.M.C., completed the furnishing of the church and, in 1925, added a splendid modern school to the parish buildings and purchased an extensive plot of land adjacent to the previous parish holdings. The building on this

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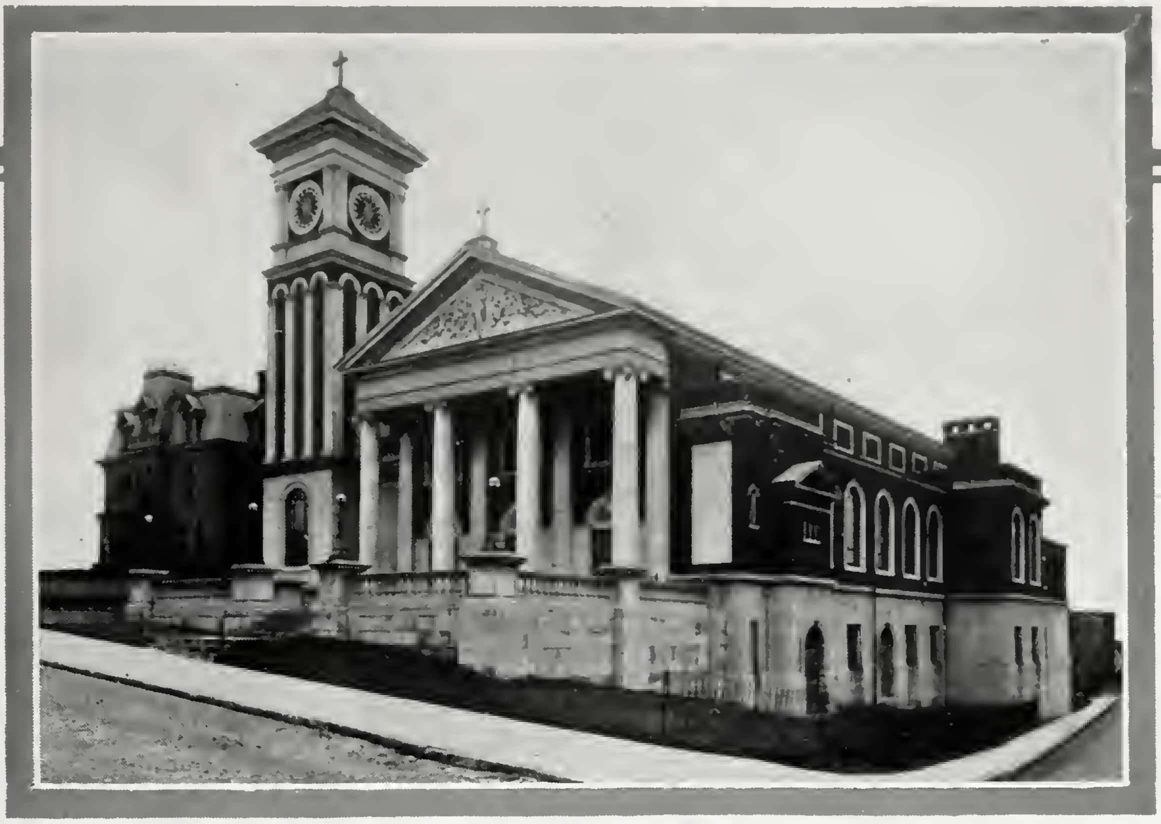
Main Altar, St. George's Church, Chicopee Falls. Rev. George H. Gagnon, Pastor.



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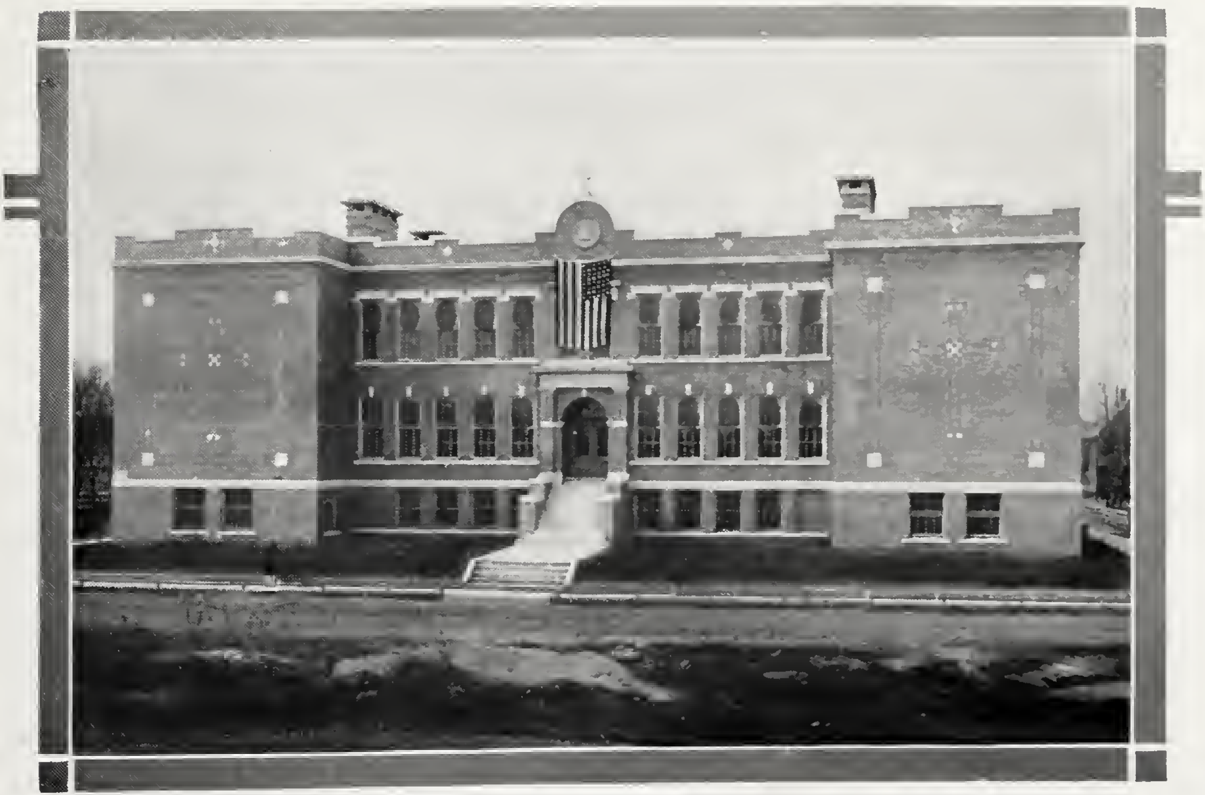

George P. Dion, Architect

School, Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish, Willimansett
Rev. L. A. Simard, Pastor. Sisters of the Presentation in charge.

George P. Dion, School Architect

ST. ANTHONY'S CHURCH, SCHOOL AND RECTORY, WILLIMANSETT
Rev. Celestine Pozewicz, O.M.C., Pastor.

new acquisition was transformed into a community house for the people. Father Cyman's leadership has been kindly, capable and fruitful in every form of parish activity. Today, under Father Cyman, O.M.C., and his assistants, St. Stanislaus is the largest parish in Chicopee; its school has nearly thirteen hundred children and a large hall and gymnasium, with quarters for its fourteen flourishing parish societies.

OVER at Aldenville and Willimansett, where once Fathers McCoy and Delphos jointly hired a hall and used it at different hours for Mass and catechetical instructions, the former for the English speaking Catholics, the latter for the French, three thriving parishes, two with church, rectory, school and convent, have taken up the Master's cause.

At Aldenville, where Rev. A. Frechette organized a French speaking flock in 1909, and the late Father Brochu continued his work until his death in 1924, Rev. John B. Lamothe has completed a striking modern school with large school hall, used for church services, to replace the inadequate frame structure which his people have outgrown. The school accommodates nearly nine hundred pupils and the enterprising pastor looks eagerly to the future to fulfil his dream of a church in keeping with the school and rectory. He found the parish buildings of wood and hopes to leave them all of sightly brick and stone.

At Willimansett, where Father H. Hamelin assumed the pastorate in 1897, with Aldenville as a mission, Rev. L. A. Simard has erected a sightly

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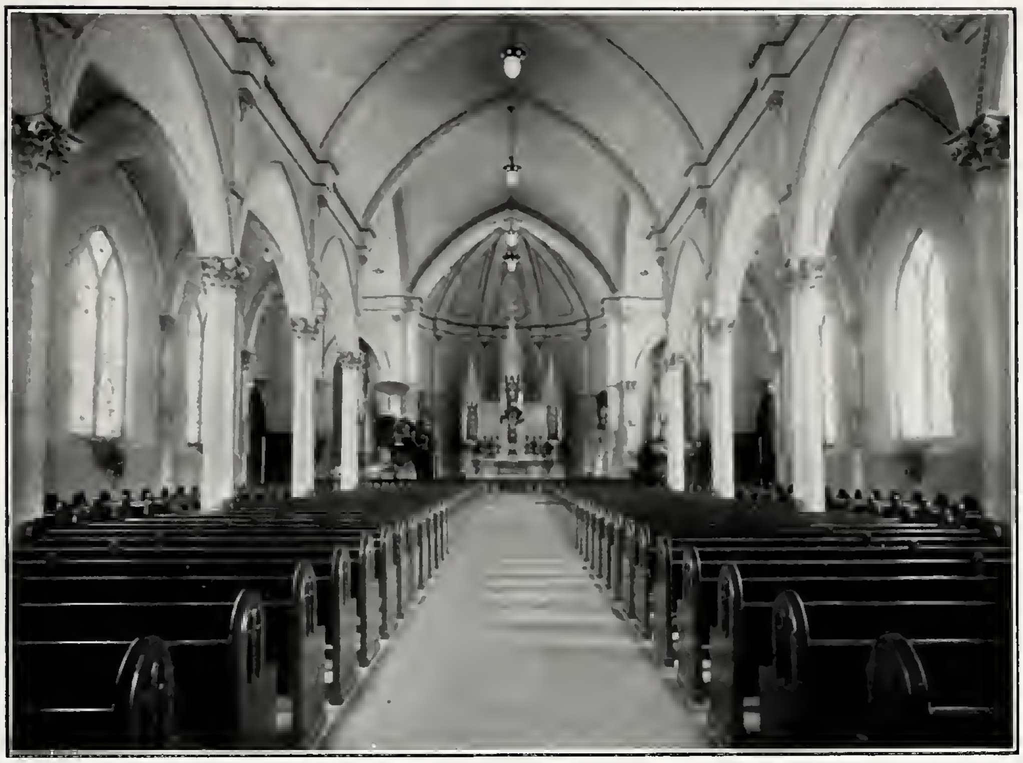
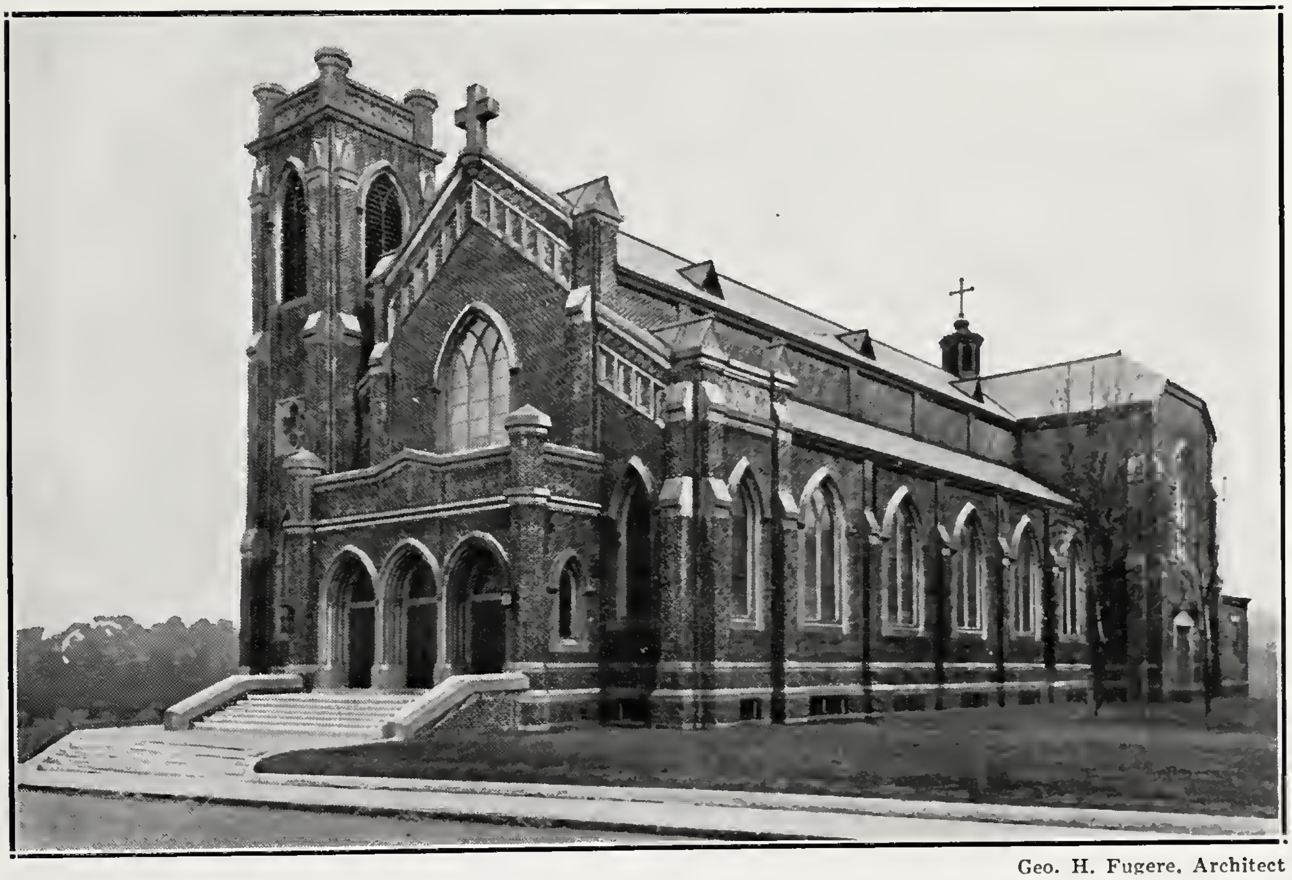
St. John the Baptist Church, Ludlow. Rev. J. E. La Rochelle, Pastor.





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St. George's Church, Chicopee Falls
Rev. George H. Gagnon, Pastor.

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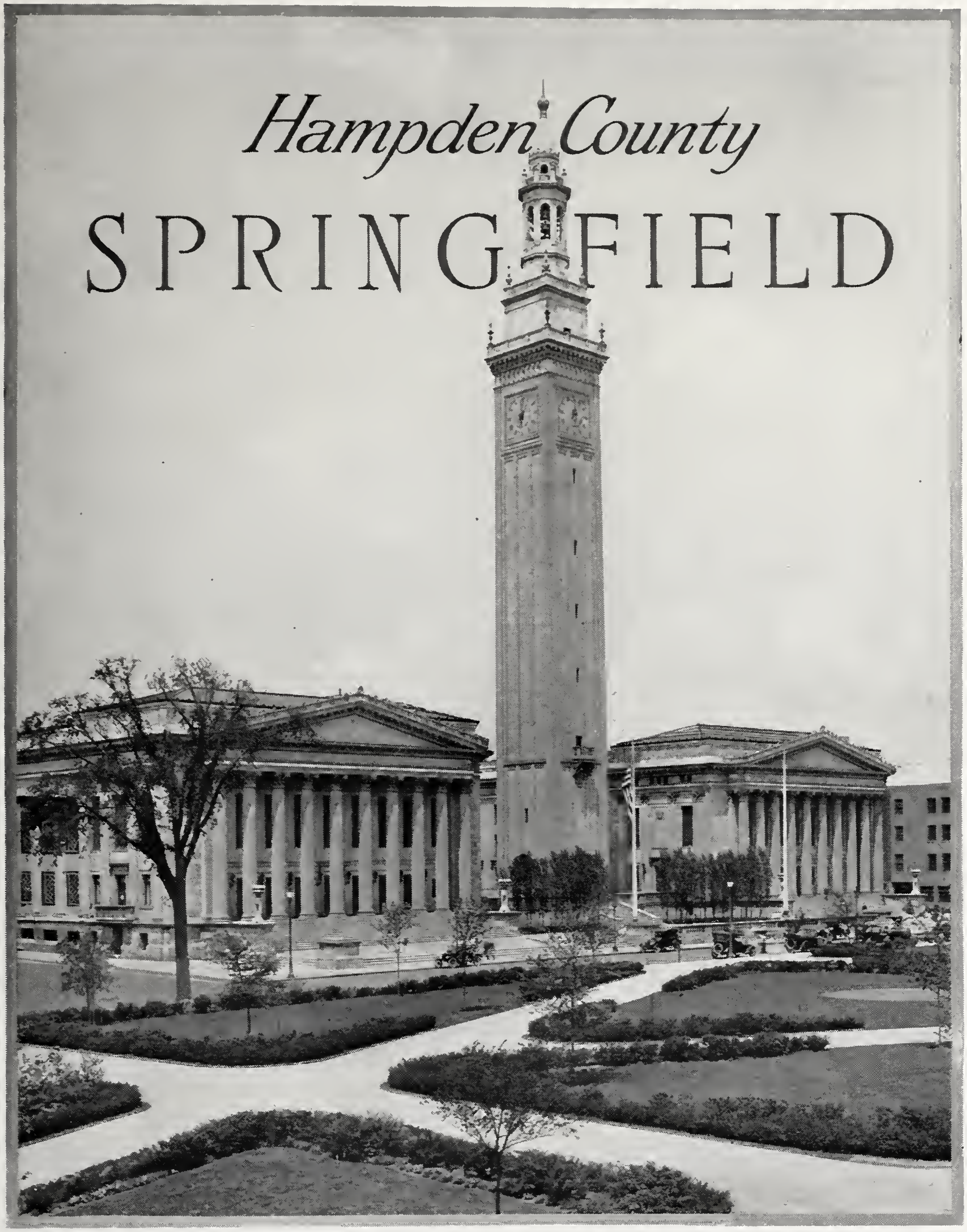
INTERIOR VIEW, ST. STANISLAUS' CHURCH, CHICOPEE
Rev. L. M. Cyman, O.M.C., Pastor.

modern school of yellow brick which provides education for nearly seven hundred. His enterprising initiative has kept pace with a rapid parish growth, and has given his people a completed group of buildings for parish work.

IN 1928, the Franciscan Fathers founded the new parish of St. Anthony at Willimansett, with Rev. Celestine Rozewicz, O.M.C., in charge, though the Franciscan Fathers of Holyoke had cared for Willimansett's Polish population for three years previously. Father Rozewicz has completed a rectory and school in the hall of which he holds his parish services. On Saturday and Sunday, Sisters from Chicopee help in the instruction of the parish children.

FROM Holy Name, in Chicopee, the mother parish of the Connecticut Valley, Catholic congregations multiplied most rapidly, beyond her present borders, in Springfield and Holyoke. Father Fitton said the first recorded Mass in Springfield just a century ago, as he stole a few hours from his missionary labors at Worcester to attend to Springfield and the West. The first handful of Catholics also received spiritual ministrations from Hartford, until Father Brady remained permanently at Chicopee from 1841 to 1847.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SPRINGFIELD

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MUNICIPAL GROUP, SPRINGFIELD, MASS.

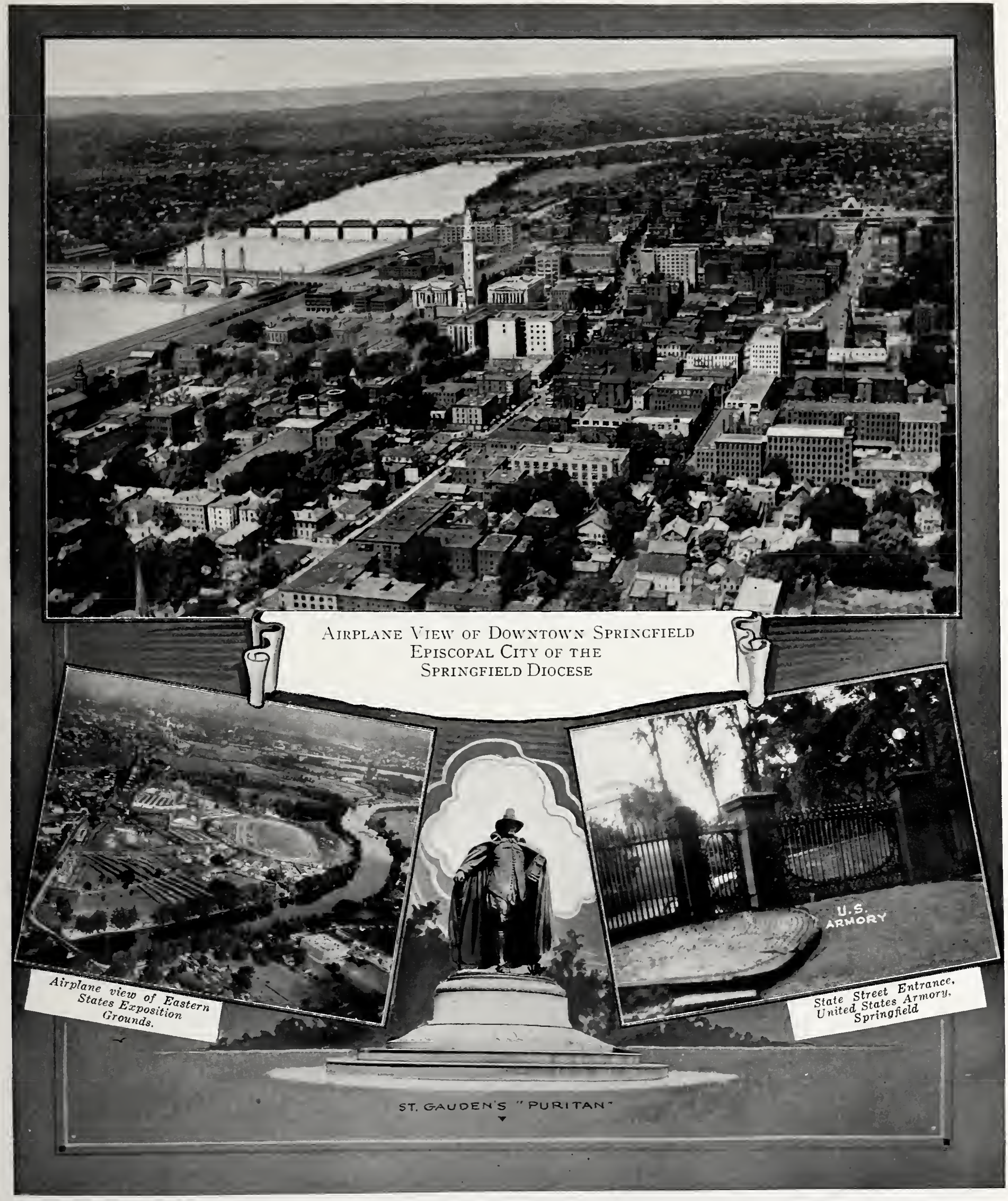
Reverend Michael P. Gallagher

IN MEMORIAM

Reverend Michael P. Gallagher

Second Founder of the Cathedral Parish

Farsighted builder of St. Michael's Cathedral, purchaser of the superb Cathedral property. Under him St. Michael's was the first parish church consecrated in New England. "He reared a diocesan cathedral where he had at first planned a parish church."



Airplane View of Downtown Springfield
Episcopal City of the
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Airplane view of Eastern States Exposition Grounds.

State Street Entrance, United States Armory, Springfield

ST. GAUDEN'S "PURITAN"

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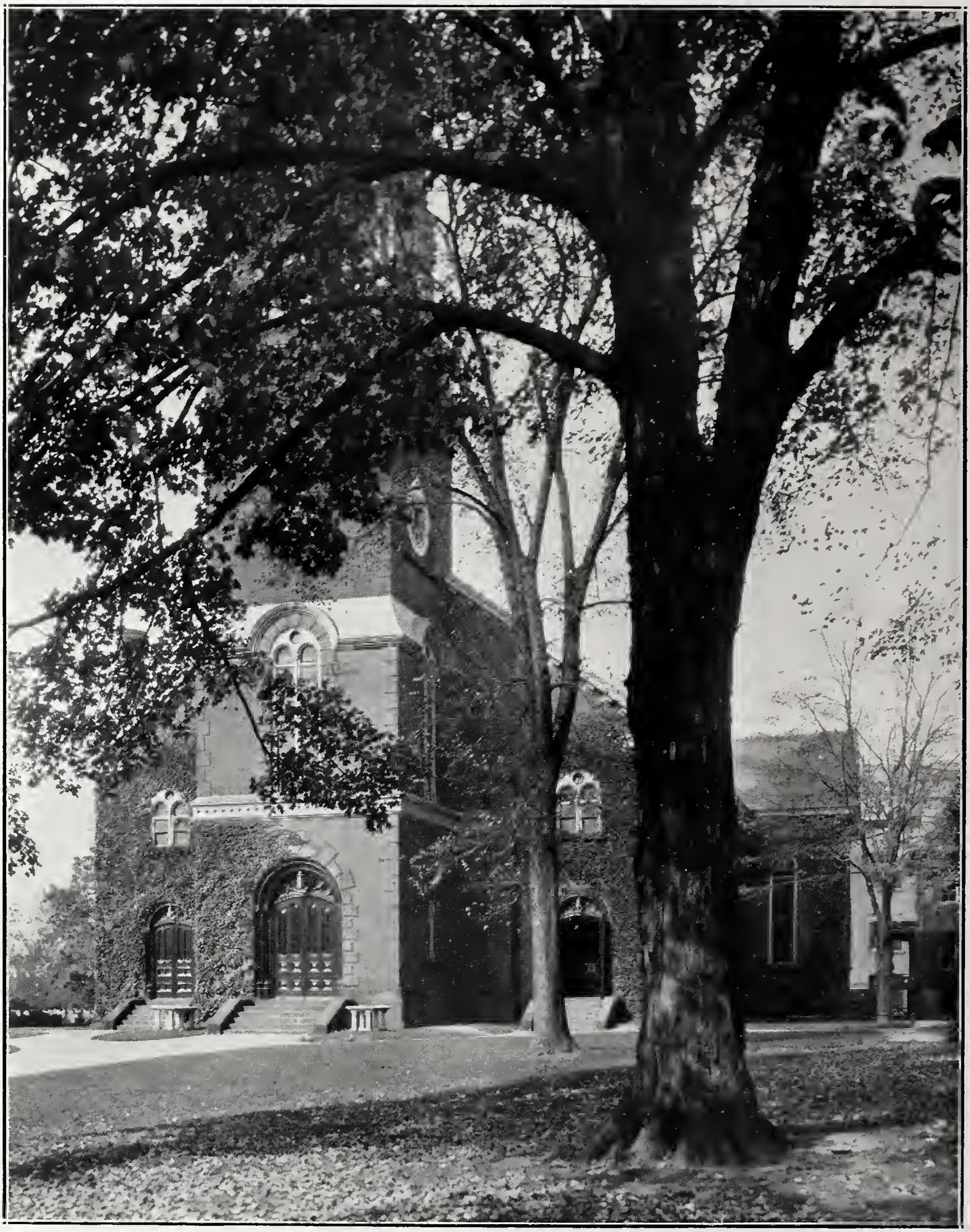

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ST. MICHAEL'S CATHEDRAL, SPRINGFIELD

Rev. George S. L. Connor, Rector.

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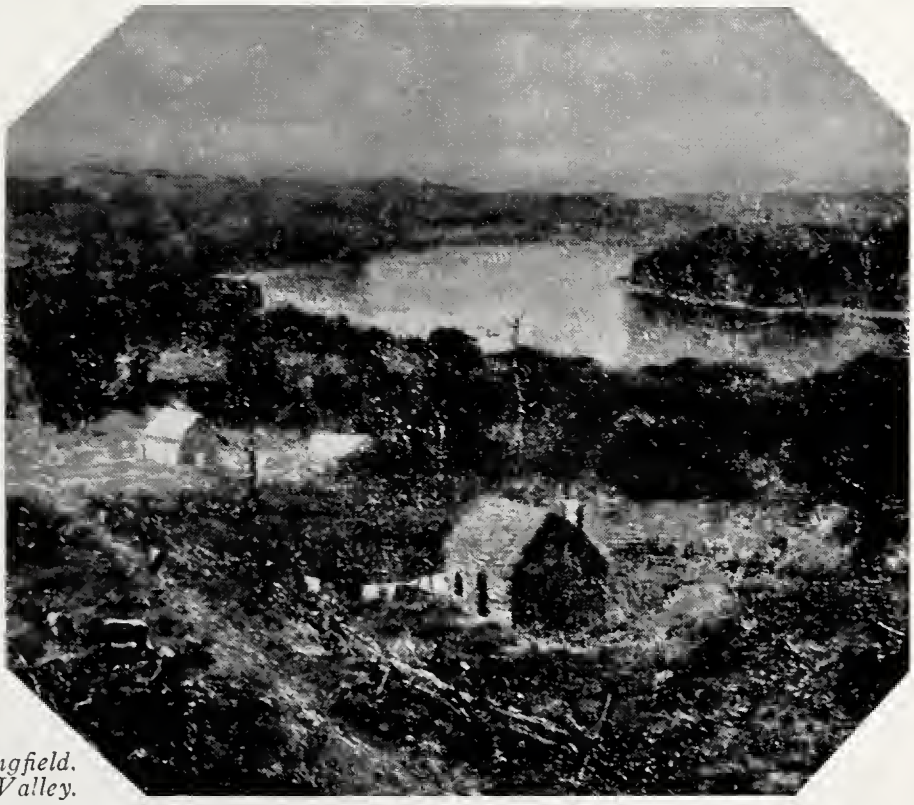
River Front, Springfield

In the year 1847, Father Riordan, of Worcester, dedicated the first Catholic church in Springfield, St. Benedict's on Union Street, a name perpetuated in the first cemetery, the old "God's acre" on Liberty Street. Father John J. Doherty, the first resident pastor, came in 1848. After three years of zealous work for souls, he left, and Springfield was for some years without a shepherd. Then came Rev. Michael P. Gallagher, the real founder of the Cathedral Parish, a far-sighted, courageous apostle, who must have visualized Springfield's brilliant Catholic future. He amazed his congregation, which was living far from the present St. Michael's, by purchasing the superb property on State Street. He proved himself a financial genius by purchasing more land than he needed, selling the surplus for more than he paid for the whole, and laboring day and night until he consecrated the present structure, a real marvel for those days, in 1867—the first parish church consecrated in New England. Within three years, his dream come true had become the cathedral of a new diocese, partly, doubtless, because a suitable cathedral church was prepared and consecrated.

At the time, this selection created a surprise. Worcester had been looked upon as the logical seat for the head of a new diocese. Rome, however, decided otherwise, and the choice was ideal: it gave us an episcopal see in the heart of our most thickly populated section and about equally distant from the two extremities of the western counties. The Cathedral has been blessed with a line of able rectors, of whom several are still doing yeoman service in the Springfield vineyard. One is now our Vicar General. The present rector, a man of action, energy and courage, is the famous war chaplain, Rev. George S. L. Connor, successor of the late Father James F. Ahern, of blessed memory. Father Connor has multiplied the interests of the Cathedral High School pupils, has installed a new heating system and a superb organ in this historic church, and proven himself an inspiring and competent organizer and leader.

From the beginnings of Bishop O'Reilly's reign, the Catholic population of Springfield spread to every corner of the city and new parish lines had to be drawn. The Rev. James J. McDermott, first rector of the Cathedral, was sent to organize the parish of the Sacred Heart, at the north end. He was a staunch believer in the importance of Catholic education, and, first in our diocese, built the school before the church and used the school hall for divine worship. The school opened in 1877, the church was dedicated in 1896. For



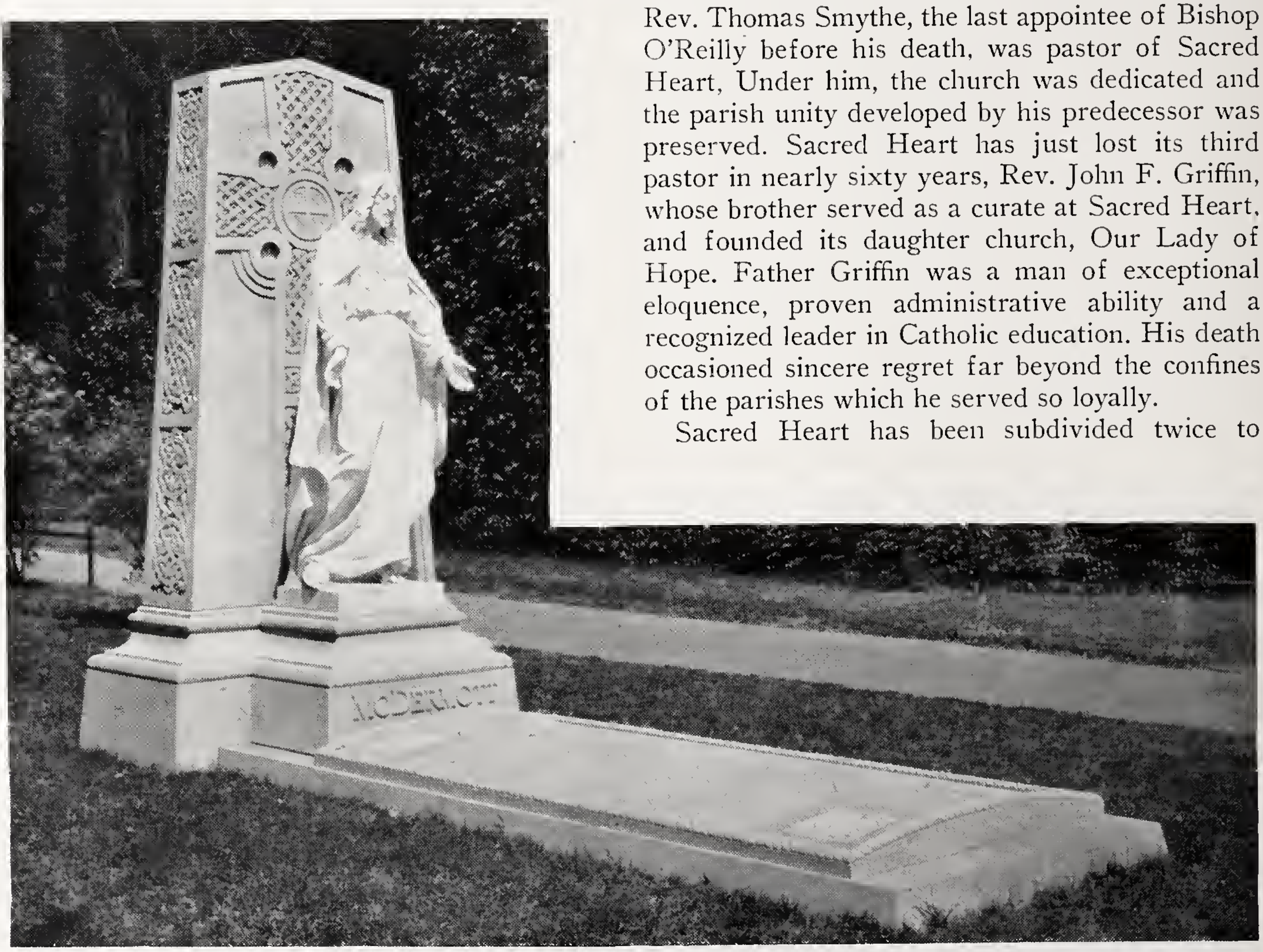
The Birth of Springfield.
From painting by J. J. LaValley.

John W. Donohue, Architect

SACRED HEART SCHOOL, SPRINGFIELD
Rev. John D. Sullivan, Administrator. Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur in charge.

nearly eighteen years, he spent and was spent for the parish of his love. The new Sacred Heart gradually raised its towers to the skies, and, at the time of Father McDermott's death in 1891 was near enough to completion to have his funeral the first service in the church to which he gave his life's best labors. For thirty-six years thereafter, Rev. Thomas Smythe, the last appointee of Bishop O'Reilly before his death, was pastor of Sacred Heart, Under him, the church was dedicated and the parish unity developed by his predecessor was preserved. Sacred Heart has just lost its third pastor in nearly sixty years, Rev. John F. Griffin, whose brother served as a curate at Sacred Heart, and founded its daughter church, Our Lady of Hope. Father Griffin was a man of exceptional eloquence, proven administrative ability and a recognized leader in Catholic education. His death occasioned sincere regret far beyond the confines of the parishes which he served so loyally.

Sacred Heart has been subdivided twice to



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MEMORIAL TO REV. JAMES J. McDERMOTT, FIRST PASTOR, SACRED HEART CHURCH, SPRINGFIELD
The Memorial marks his last resting-place in the churchyard.

HOLY NAME GROUP, SPRINGFIELD—CONVENT, CHURCH, SCHOOL AND RECTORY
Rev. Thomas A. McGovern, Pastor. Sisters of St. Joseph in charge of School.

form new English speaking parishes and twice to form others—once a parish for the Assyrian, the other a parish for the Polish speaking people.

TWENTY-FIVE years ago, Our Lady of Hope Parish was organized by Rev. Michael Griffin, who, within a year, had church and rectory practically out of debt. The effort, however, cost him his life, and he went to a well earned reward with the love and respect to which his rare qualities of charity and energy so richly entitled him.

His successor, the present pastor, is Rev. James M. Cruse, who has already become the second founder of the parish, so rapidly has it grown. On the heights above the north end rises the sightly campanile of his new Gothic church, overlooking and commanding a view of the whole city. Father Griffin's pretty frame structure is now a parish hall. A new school is crowded to the doors, and the old rectory has been nearly trebled in size to furnish a home for four priests where, only a generation ago, Father Griffin worked alone.

Father Cruse has built slowly and surely to meet the needs of a growing population. He has

Airplane View, Holy Name Parish Buildings

The original Holy Name Parish building, which in the beginning served as church and school.

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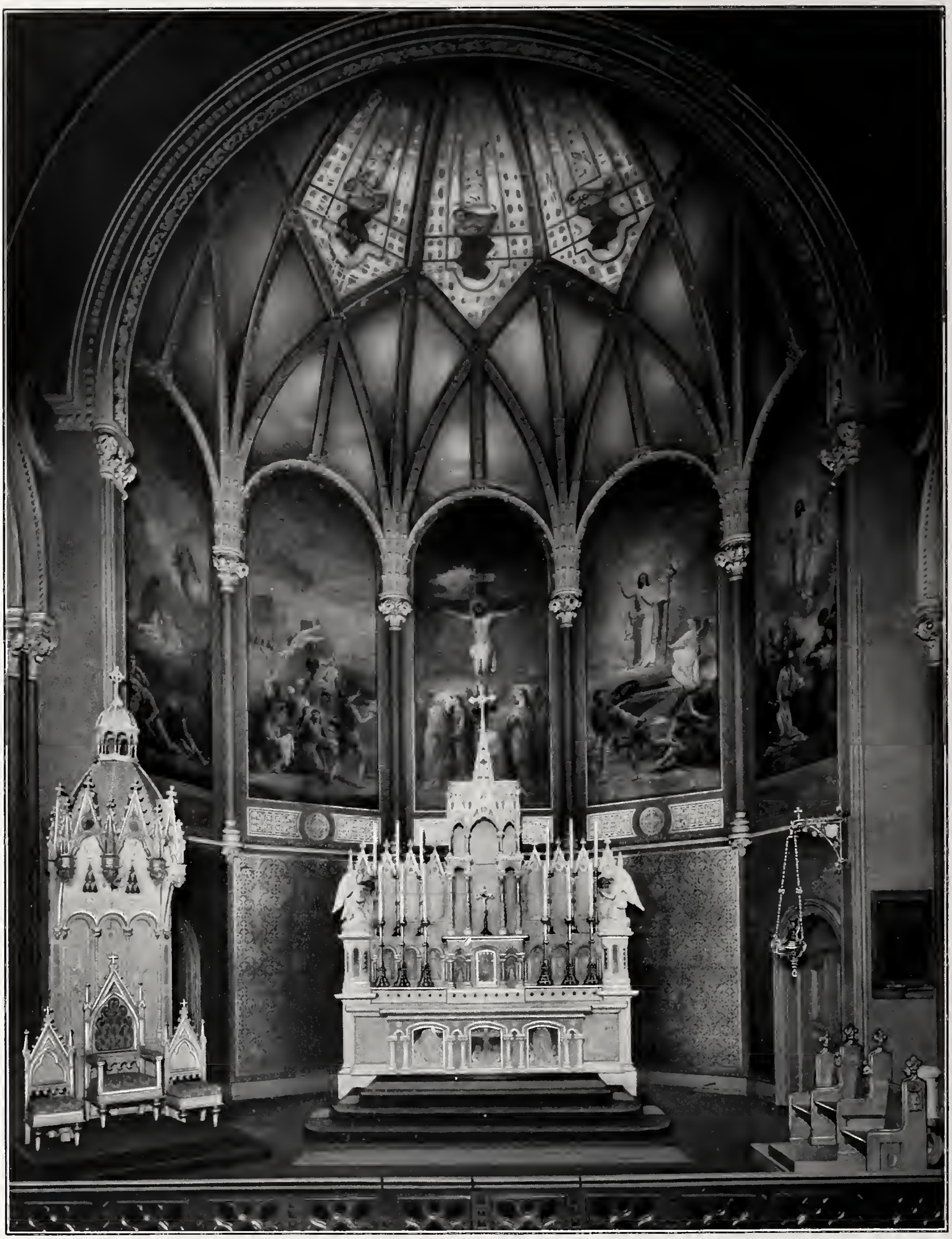


Patrick C. Keiley, Architect

MAIN ALTAR AND SANCTUARY, ST. MICHAEL'S CATHEDRAL, SPRINGFIELD

Rev. George S. L. Connor, Rector.

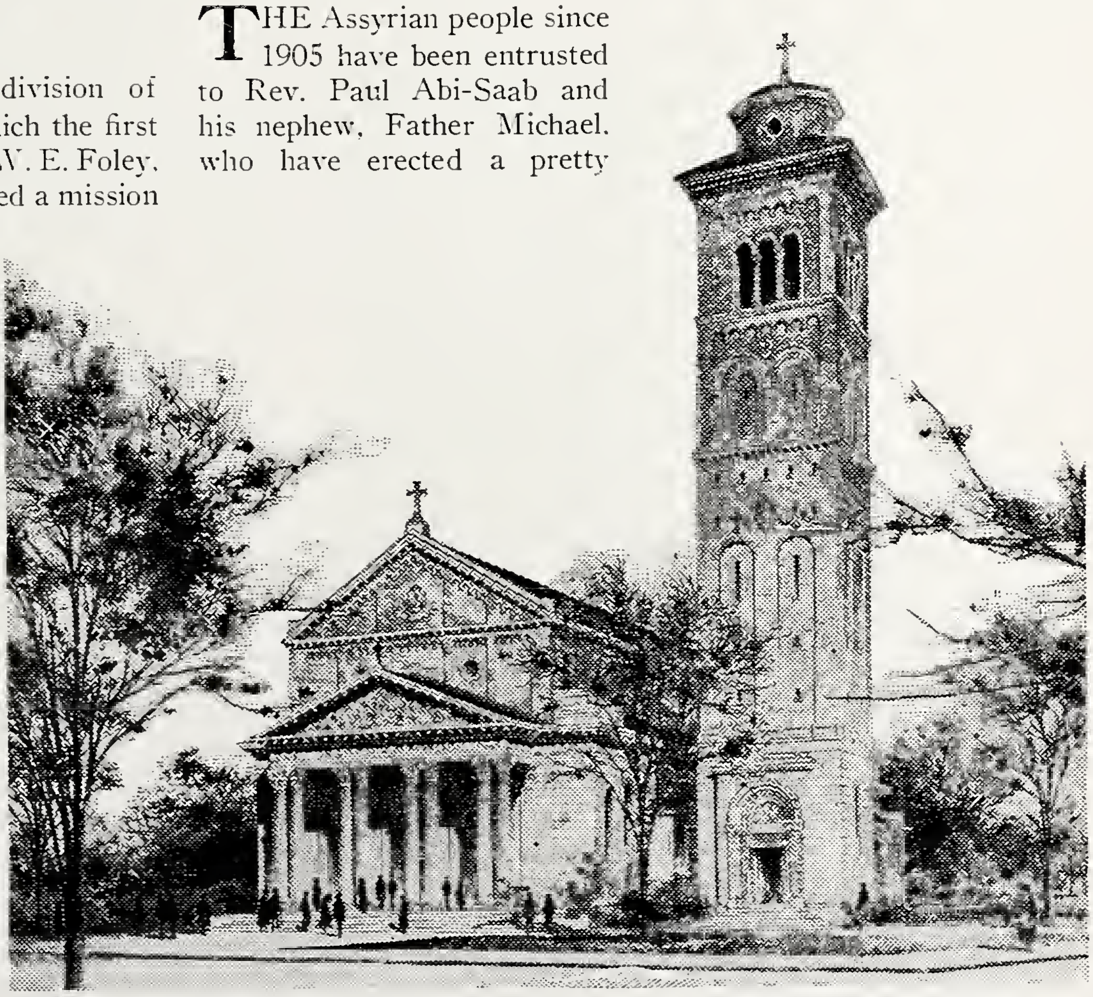
John W. Donohue, Architect

Our Lady of Hope School, Springfield
Rev. James M. Cruse, Pastor. Sisters of St. Joseph in charge.

conducted systematic drives for funds and proceeded carefully to the consummation of his parochial plan. Yet, despite the demands of a busy parish, he has found time to lend a hand as chaplain to Catholic organizations, and has taken practical interest in all civic affairs for the common good.

THE second English speaking division of Sacred Heart is All Souls, of which the first pastor was the present Rt. Rev. Msgr. W. E. Foley, of Holyoke, who came in 1908, and used a mission chapel built by Father Thomas Smythe for divine worship. For about three years, beginning in 1904, the present All Souls and St. Thomas constituted a mixed parish under Father A. A. Landry. Rev. Charles Boylan succeeded Father Foley, and built the present church of All Souls. The late Rev. Owen McGee saw longest service here, built the mission chapel of the Blessed Sacrament, and did much to improve the parish's financial status and increase the devotion of his people. He was succeeded by Rev. Florence A. Lane, who has added a sightly rectory to the parish buildings and made his parish the local center of devotion to the Little Flower. Father Lane has proven himself eminently capable in handling financial problems, and most devout in meeting the religious needs of his people.

THE Assyrian people since 1905 have been entrusted to Rev. Paul Abi-Saab and his nephew, Father Michael, who have erected a pretty



Our Lady of Hope Church, Springfield. Rev. James M. Cruse, Pastor.

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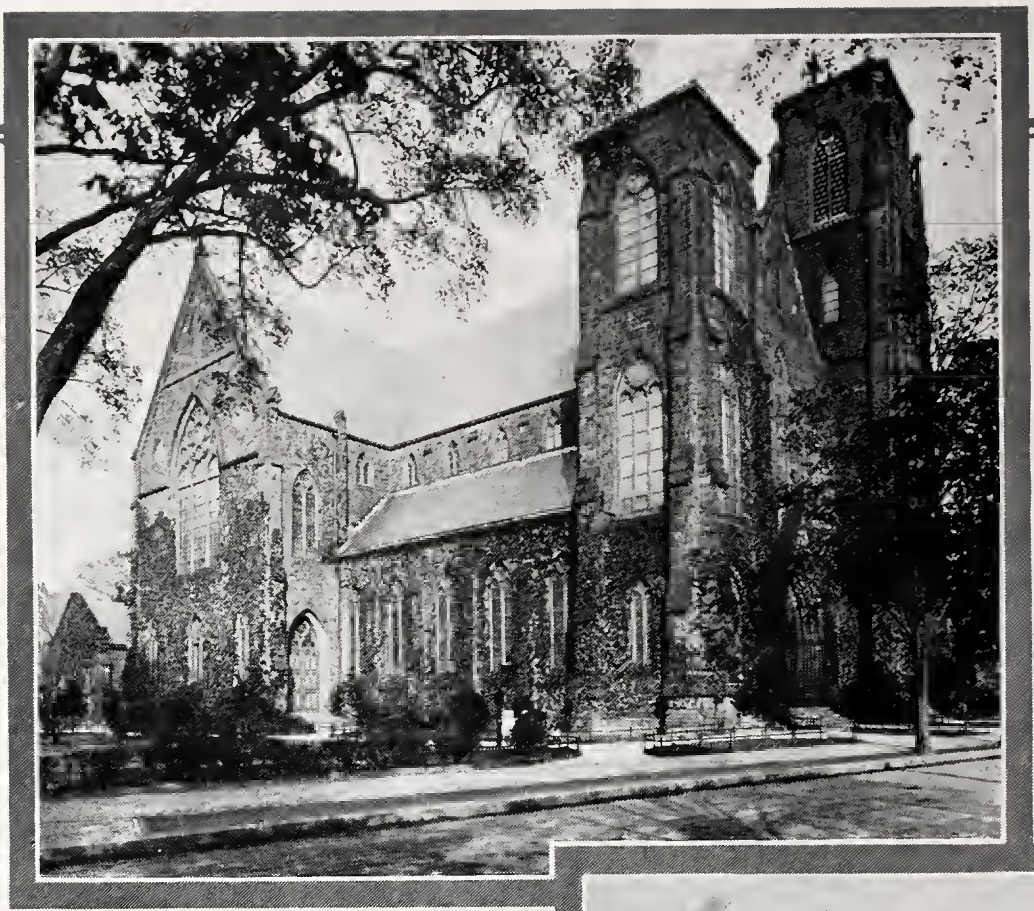

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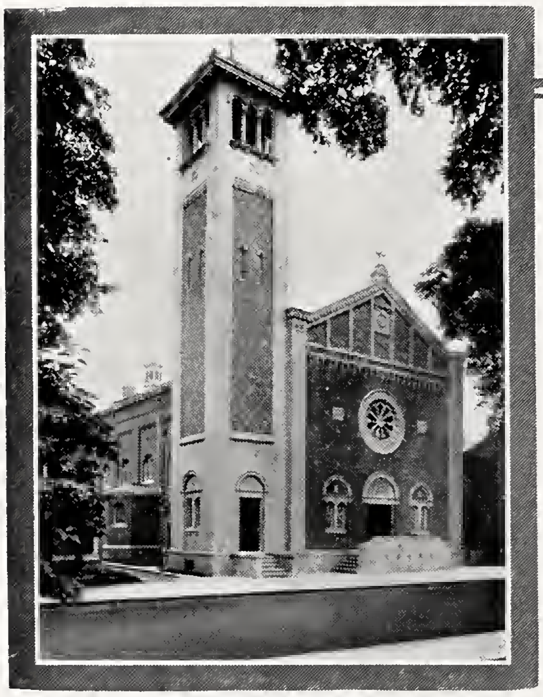

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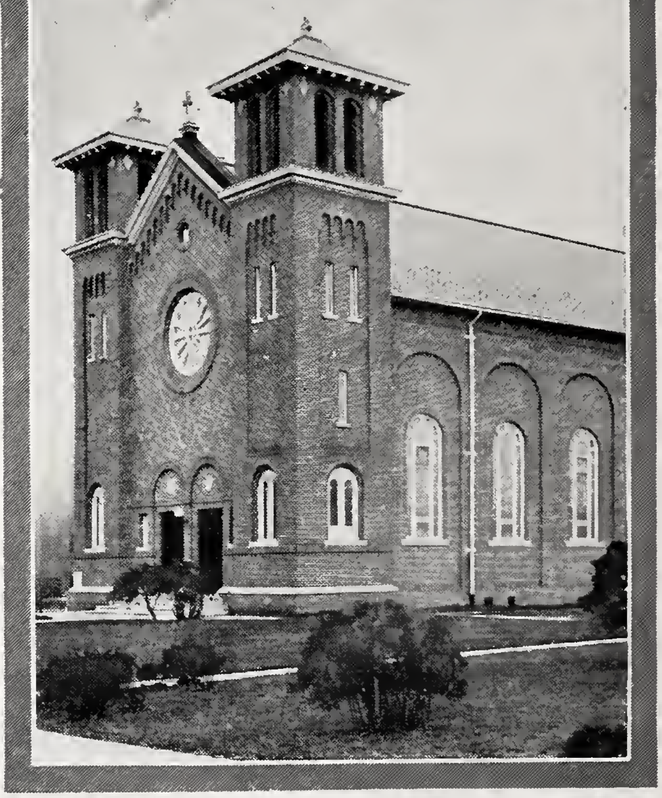
OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL CHURCH, SPRINGFIELD
Rev. Erminio Lona, C.S.F., Pastor.



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ALL SOULS' CHURCH, SPRINGFIELD
Rev. F. A. Lane, Pastor.

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS GROUP, SPRINGFIELD—SCHOOL, CHURCH AND RECTORY
Rev. W. J. Choquette, Pastor. Sisters of the Holy Cross in charge of School.

chapel of St. Anthony for their Eucharistic King, while Father Michael covers most of New England, preaching missions to scattered Assyrian settlements. The parish was originally erected under the title of SS. Peter and Paul, and was changed to St. Anthony when the present chapel was erected.

THE Polish parish, Our Lady of the Rosary, was established in 1917 under the direction of Rev. Stanislaus Orlemanski, who is still pastor. True to Catholic tradition, he realized the need of a school to train the future builders of his parish. Hence, he first erected a school building and uses the hall for his religious services. He has developed a parish loyalty that augurs well for the future of his Polish flock, and has succeeded in making the parish church the center of his people's life.

MEANTIME, the Cathedral again had found its growing population getting beyond the supervision of one parochial household. The late Father Sherry was called to form the present Holy Family parish in September, 1901. He began with the training ground of future generations, a parish school, which was flourishing and crowded when this good and holy priest was called to his reward, before his church, the goal of his ambitious labors, was completed. Rev. C. A. Sullivan was appointed to carry on Father Sherry's work and nobly has he accomplished it. Once the beautiful new House of God, pride of his people, was completed, he cut up the school hall into needed classrooms. Only when church and school and convent were all that could be desired did this zealous builder turn to consideration of his own needs, and replace the inadequate rectory with the present commodious and artistic structure. In recognition of a difficult task superbly performed, and a life of fidelity to the best traditions of his

St. Joseph's Church and School, Springfield. Rev. A. J. B. Cayer, D.C.L., in charge. Sisters of the Holy Cross and the Seven Dolors in charge of School.

O. E. Nault, Architect

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST SCHOOL, LUDLOW
Rev. J. E. LaRochelle, Pastor. Sisters of St. Ann in charge.

priestly office, Bishop O'Leary recommended Father Sullivan for the honors of the purple, and Pope Pius XI graciously acquiesced in so merited an honor.

REV. THOMAS A. McGOVERN, whose remarkable success in organizing the great Holy Name Society at Sacred Heart had attracted attention, was designated by the late Bishop Beaven to form a new parish in the scattered district around Forest Park, in 1909. Here, again, we have the story of a growing population and an energetic program of parish building and administration which kept pace with it. Father McGovern knew modern life too well not to realize the primary value of a Catholic school, and began with that, using the spacious hall as a church. School, rectory, convent, church, convent chapel, second school, doubling of rectory—all this tells the story of a parish growth which demands the services of four priests where Father McGovern began single-handed.

Though the ultimate parish church has not yet been erected, every need of the people is met by the sightly chapel, Spanish mission style, which seats over a thousand, and the hall of the new school, in which overflow Masses are offered. The entire group gives the impression of the California missions in the heyday of their activity, and, in the completeness of its adaptation to parish needs, this group shows thought and careful planning. Father McGovern, an effective speaker, keen observer, and capable organizer, has seen his parish grow

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St. John the Baptist Convent, Ludlow. Rev. J. E. LaRochelle, Pastor.

Interior, Holy Family Church, Springfield

John W. Donohue, Architect

Holy Family Group, Springfield—School, Convent, Church and Rectory

Rt. Rev. Msgr. C. A. Sullivan, Pastor. Sisters of St. Joseph in charge of School.

from scattered, careless members of the household of the faith, into a comparatively wealthy, enthusiastic unit, and he has guided the growth.

THE youngest member of Springfield's family of parishes is Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, formed in 1929, with Rev. George M. Donahue as pastor. It was a division of Holy Family. Already, Bishop O'Leary has dedicated the new church, a pretty one, in Spanish mission style, and Father Donahue has obtained a curate to assist him in what promises to be another center where numbers will multiply as Springfield expands.

FARTHER out, at Indian Orchard, Father Fitzgerald had founded St. Matthew's, back in 1878. The Catholics there had previously been cared for by priests from Chicopee, Chicopee Falls and the Cathedral. Father Healy of Chicopee erected the present St. Matthew's Church, in 1864. This is one of the missions which knew the ministrations of the saintly Father Power. In a later day, Rev. John Kenny remained nine years, and then followed its pastorate of longest duration, that of Father William Power, who opened the parish schools and purchased a convent. The late pastor was Rev. William F. Hartigan, who came here from South Deerfield. Father Hartigan, a good administrator, a forceful speaker, with an unusually good musical voice, won the good will and confidence of his people in his priestly labors at "the Orchard." Rev. J. C. Murphy is temporarily in charge.

Blessed Sacrament Church, Springfield
Rev. F. A. Lane, Pastor.

SPRINGFIELD'S French speaking Catholics, too, increased and multiplied. With the coming, in 1873, of Rev. Louis G. Gagnier, whom old residents remember as a patriarch, in the early years of the twentieth century, the French people were organized in old St. Joseph's. Father Gagnier's jurisdiction extended over the whole city of Springfield, and to the Longmeadows and Indian Orchard. He built first his church basement, then the superstructure, then opened his school, in 1897, and when called to his reward left his people a record of nearly a half century of service and the sweet memory of a saintly life. His successor, the late Father Bissonnette, enlarged the school, beautified the church and added a parish rectory and a convent to round out an adequate parish plant. Since his death, his work has been ably carried on by Rev. A. J. B. Cayer, D.C.L. The priests in charge of St. Joseph's have accomplished much in the face of the discouraging fact that their parishioners are still scattered over most of Springfield.

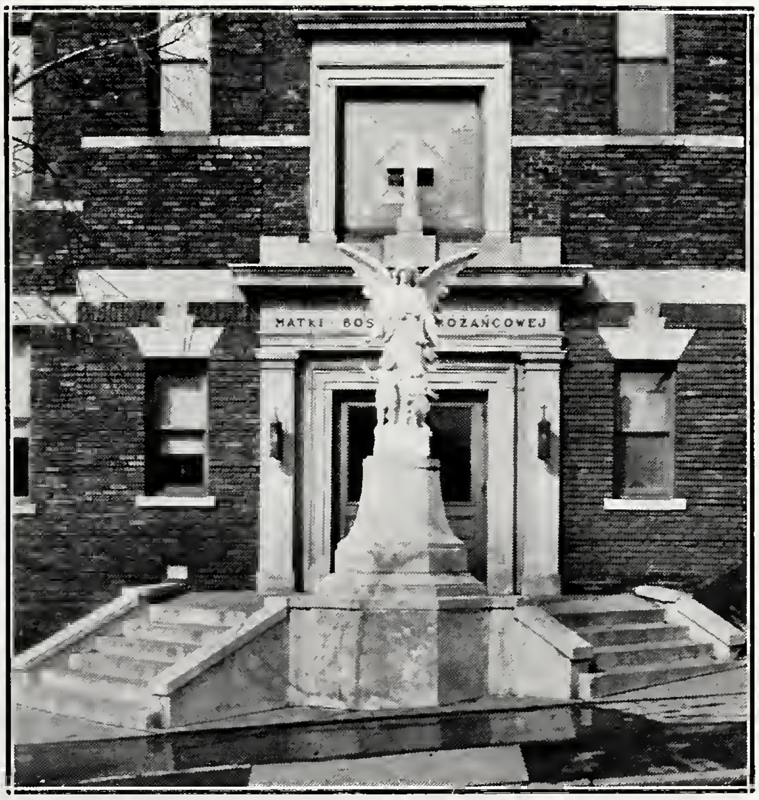
In 1873, Father Gagnier also formed the St. Aloysius mission congregation at Indian Orchard. He built the present brick church, which was later enlarged. In 1876, Father Landry took up his residence and parochial life began. His successors were Fathers Crevier, Baudoin, Ducharme,

St. Anthony's Church, Springfield. Rev. Michael Abi-Saab, Pastor.

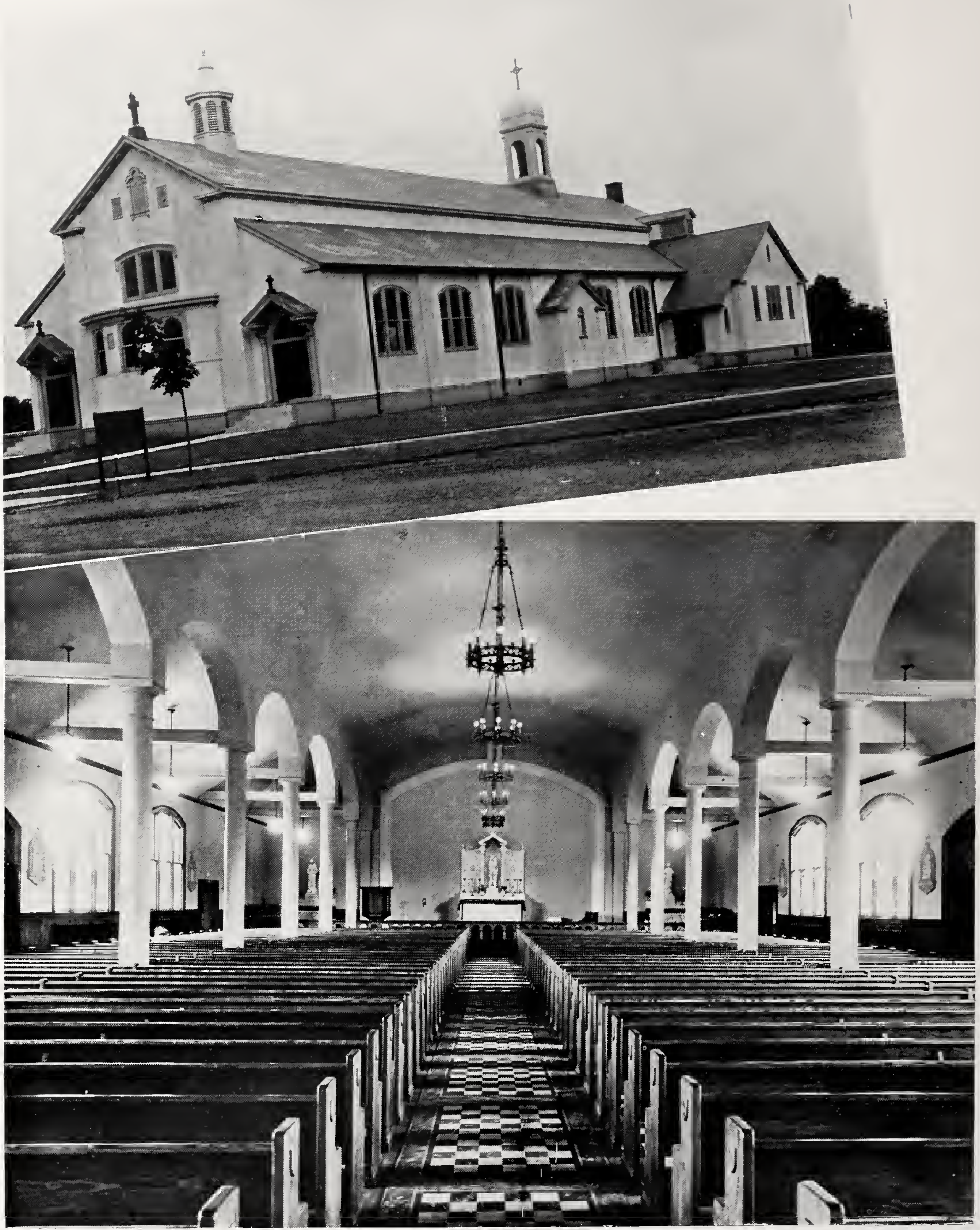
OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY CHURCH, SCHOOL AND RECTORY, SPRINGFIELD
Rev. Stanislaus Orlemanski, Pastor. Sisters of Nazareth in charge of School.

Marcoux, Edmond Graton and Langevin. Father Marcoux opened the parish schools, and the present modern school building replaced the original frame structure during Father Langevin's pastorate. On Father Langevin's death, this parochial charge was assigned to Rev. J. P. Bourassa, the present pastor, whose affable and genial nature endear him to his people.

IN SPRINGFIELD itself, old St. Joseph's relinquished its control of the north end in favor of St. Thomas' Parish, and Father Adelard Landry was made its first pastor, in 1904. He began with a school, in this parish dedicated to God in honor of St. Thomas Aquinas, and held his parochial services in the school hall, until his financial status justified the erection of a suitable house of worship. He then erected a church of the Spanish mission type, following closely the lines of Holy Name in the same city. His work was thus completed, when a sad accident led to his untimely death. He left to his people a memory of an industrious life, years of unremitting toil for their spiritual and material good. His successor is Rev. William J. Choquette, a comparatively young pastor, whose buoyant nature and active capacity for parish leadership give evidence that Father Landry's work will "carry on."



Entrance to Our Lady of the Rosary Church and School, Springfield.



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Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church, Springfield
Rev. George M. Donahue, Pastor.

BEYOND Indian Orchard, in Ludlow, Rev. M. A. Desrochers became first pastor of a French speaking congregation in 1904, and built the rectory and church of St. Jean Baptiste. After the brief stay of Father Gobeille, who died at Ludlow, came the pastorate of Rev. Dr. Rodier, who remained nearly sixteen years. The Ludlow Associates gave him two pieces of most desirable land on which he erected a parish school in 1925, and left a splendidly equipped parish group on his promotion to Chicopee. The present pastor, Rev. J. E. LaRochelle, is making progress in reducing the parish indebtedness. A gifted artist, he has used his talents to lighten the financial burden of his people.

THERE is also a Polish parish at Ludlow, which the Franciscan Fathers of Chicopee organized as a mission in 1904, and dedicated the parish church the following year. In 1907, the mission was elevated to the status of a parish, and Rev. Francis Kolodziej took charge. He was followed by Fathers Kielbasinski and Kwasneski and, on the latter's death, in 1913, Rev. Joseph Tomikowski came from Worcester to succeed him. Of the present buildings, the school was completed in 1910, the rectory in 1912, and the convent in 1916. Father Tomikowski is an energetic and capable parish leader, under whom the Immaculate Conception has become a thriving parish in which the material and spiritual interests of the people are solicitously safeguarded, and the Polish population has attained a position of honor and respect in the community.

A NEW series of parishes among our people of Italian birth began with the coming of the Stigmatini Fathers to Springfield, in 1906. Their first superior was Father Anthony Dalla Porta, who conducted services in a temporary church at Wilcox and Union Streets, until the new church was ready for occupancy, in 1911. Thanks to his efforts and those of his co-laborers, the parish of Mount Carmel has become a flourishing congregation. Its members have developed an admirable parish spirit, have entered business and the professions, and are becoming a force to be reckoned with in Springfield's civic life.

The Fathers from Mount Carmel rectory have extended their labors to the establishment of the missions of St. Ann in West Springfield, and St. Anthony in North Agawam. Fathers from the same house have taken charge of the Italian parish of Mount Carmel, in Pittsfield, and Sacred Heart, in Milford. All are showing solid progress. The Fathers in Milford have recently dedicated a basement capable of accommodating a congregation of twelve hundred, upon which a beautiful temple of God will later be constructed. Realizing that the instruction of the young is of paramount importance, they have obtained the aid of the Sisters, the order of the Daughters of Our Lady of Mercy, in catechetical and day nursery work, and these Sisters are lending aid in both Milford and Springfield.

Thus this group of Italian priests who arrived in 1906, went to Milford in 1913, to Pittsfield in 1915, to Agawam in 1919 and to West Springfield in 1924, are giving our diocese parishes well organized and well equipped for future development, along American lines. Previous to their arrival, our Italians were far from neglected. In Springfield, they belonged to the Cathedral, and Father Kelly did good work among them. In Milford, they were a part of St. Mary's, and Father James Hanrahan, now of Worcester, instructed them in their own tongue. Their own parishes, however, have developed an esprit de corps hitherto impossible, and made them an important factor in our diocesan population. Father Erminio Lona is the present superior of the Stigmatini Fathers in Springfield and West Springfield.

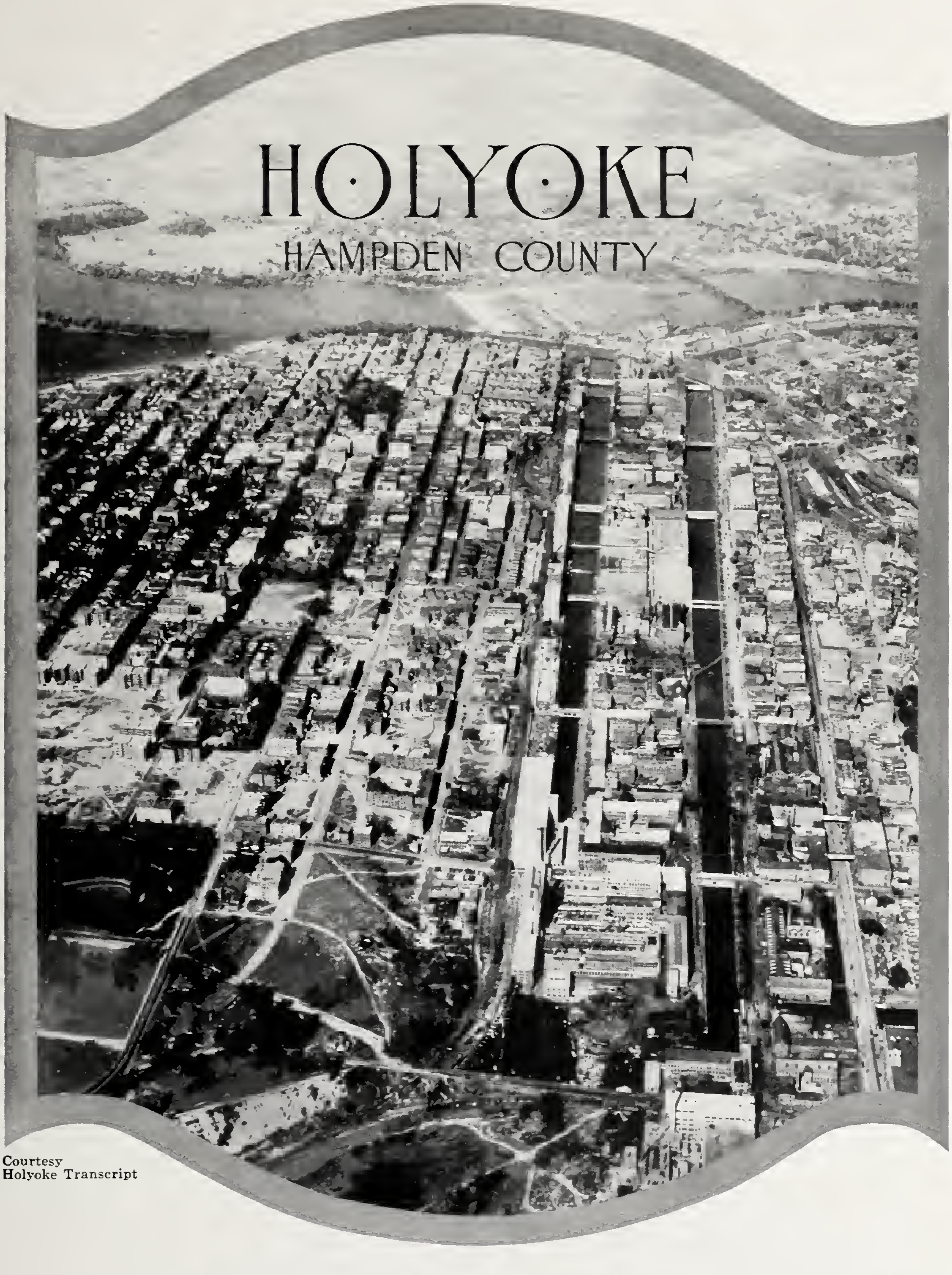
Sanctuary, St. Joseph's Church, Springfield. Rev. A. J. B. Cayer, D.C.L., in charge.

Reverend Louis G. Gagnier

IN MEMORIAM

Reverend Louis G. Gagnier

Pioneer missionary among our French speaking Catholics,
founder of parishes from Manchaug and East Douglas
through Ware and the Warrens to St. Joseph's, in
Springfield, where he labored for well over a quarter
of a century, and left everywhere the cherished
memory of personal sanctity and priestly zeal.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Airplane View of Holyoke, Showing Business Section, Its Unique Canal System and Great Power Dam

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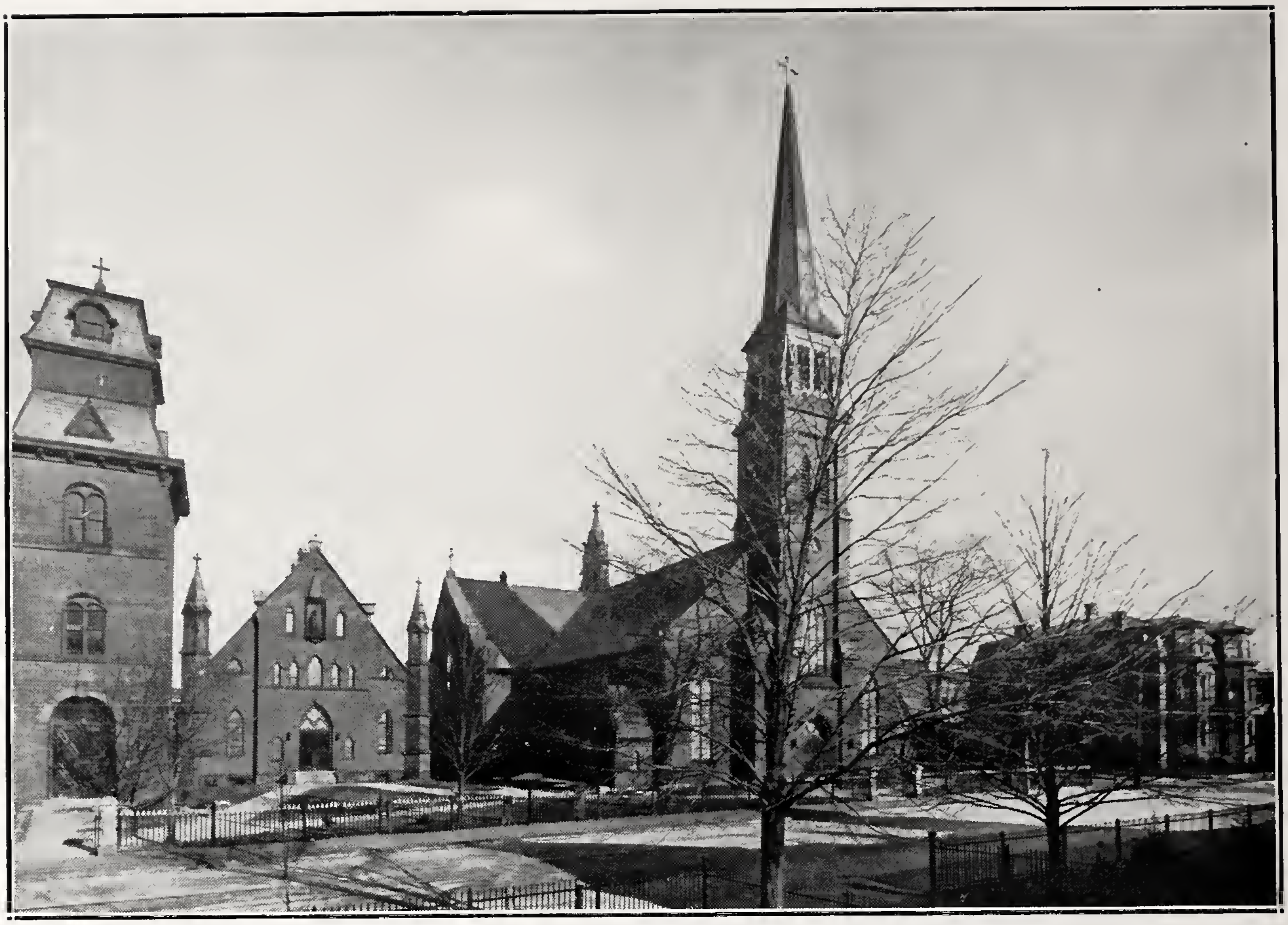
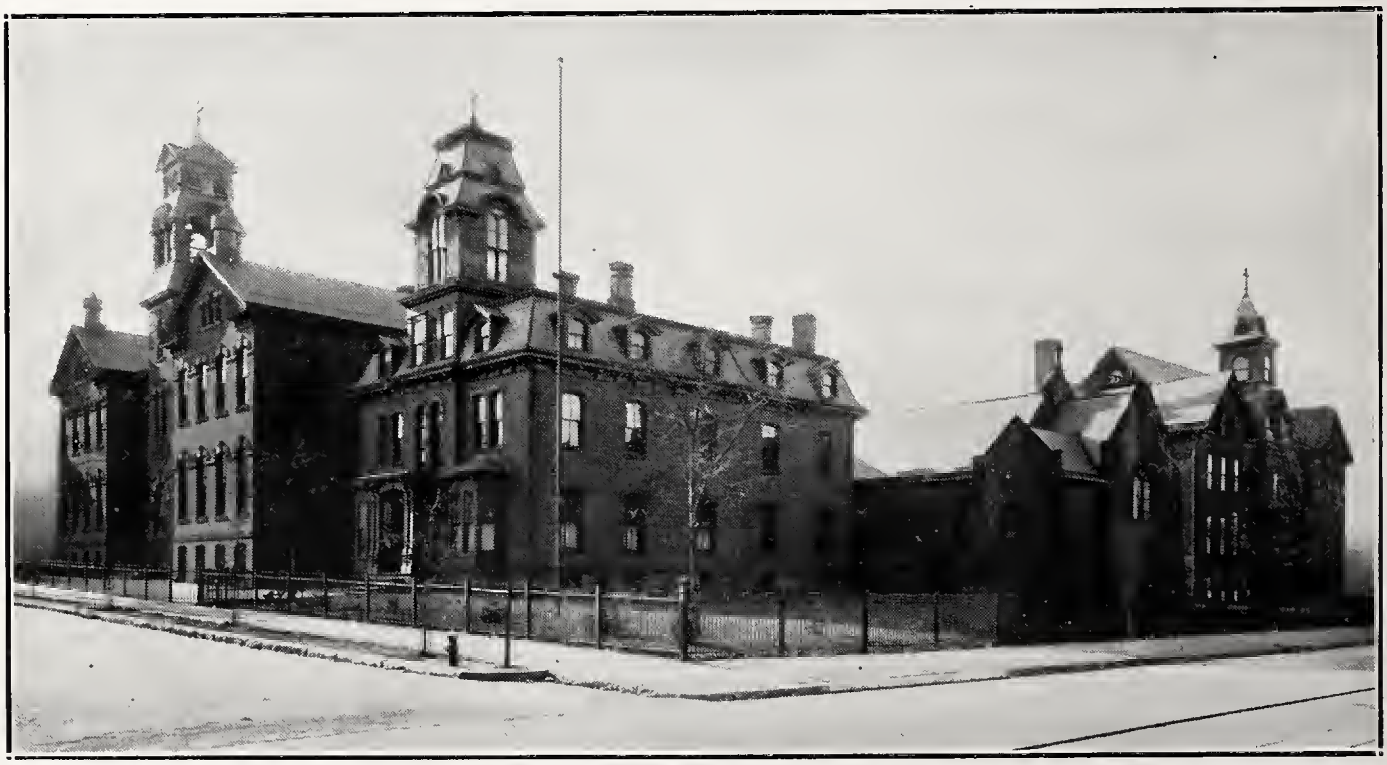




Patrick C. Keiley, Church Architect

St. Jerome's Group, Holyoke

Upper—*Corner of old Institute Building, St. Patrick's Chapel, Church, Rectory.* Lower—*Grammar and High Schools, Community Building, Sisters' Chapel and Convent. Rt. Rev. Msgr. John F. Fagan, Pastor. Sisters of St. Joseph in charge of Schools.*

The story of the first Mass in Holyoke is lost in the haze of a century ago. Certain it is that Father Connor, an Irish priest collecting for his needy people, said Mass there as early as 1834. Certainly, too, Father Brady, of Chicopee, offered Mass there periodically in the early forties. In 1856 the restless but energetic Father Jeremiah O'Callaghan established St. Jerome's Parish.

Father O'Callaghan's life history is a romance of misfortune—the tale of a splendid priest who could not adjust his mind to new financial conditions. To him, all interest was usury, and he sought to prove his thesis, even at the feet of the Holy Father. In earlier Catholic days, all interest was forbidden, because loaned money did not make money, and so the medieval Church founded loan establishments, where the needy poor could borrow without interest. In modern industry, however, money makes money, and so interest is permitted, provided it be not exorbitant. To this change, Father O'Callaghan could not reconcile a delicate conscience, and so he became a wanderer, from Ireland to Rome, back to Ireland, across the Atlantic to New York and the West and Quebec, and finally the "apostle of Vermont." From Bennington as a mission center, the heart of an apostle carried him through our Berkshires in the hope of rescuing a stray sheep here and there. It was the day of Knownothingism, which finally burned his church at Bennington. He ended his days, still a good and earnest priest, founder of old St. Jerome's, in whose churchyard he sleeps his last sleep.

First, however, he dedicated the church, in 1860. In the planning and financing of his project, Father O'Callaghan was encouraged and assisted by the agent of the Lyman Mills. Incidentally, the dedication sermon was preached by Rev. John Bapst, who, six years before, had been tarred and feathered at Ellsworth, Maine. Father O'Callaghan, of course, recognized in him a fellow victim of Knownothing fanaticism.

A NAME to conjure by in Holyoke Catholicism is the late Rt. Rev. F. J. Harkins, who came in 1866 and remained at the head of St. Jerome's until well into the present century. What a power for good he was! Aggressive, even militant, absolutely devoid of fear, yet withal kindly and forgiving, this rugged character did a great work well, and, ere his final call came, established the parishes of Sacred Heart and Holy Rosary in Holyoke, and St. Patrick's, South

George E. Potter, Church Architect

Precious Blood Group, Holyoke
School, Church and Rectory
Rev. Gedeon Fontaine, Pastor. Sisters of St. Ann in charge of School.

Patrick C. Keiley, Architect

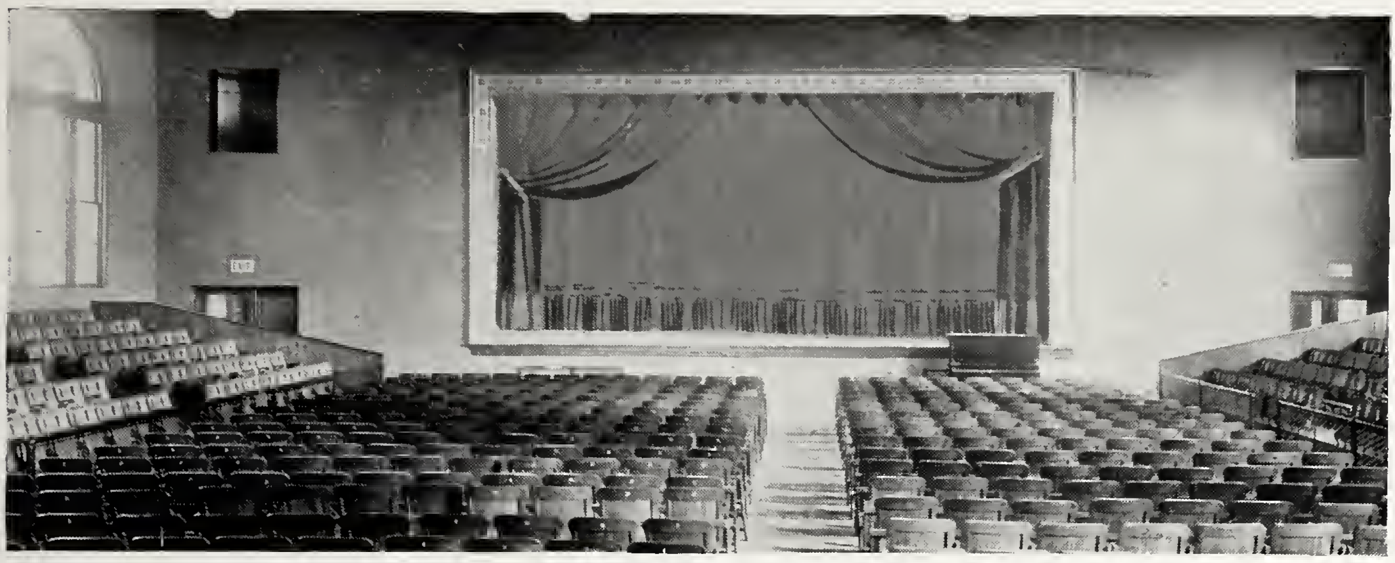
ST. JEROME'S CHURCH, HOLYOKE
Rt. Rev. Msgr. John F. Fagan, P.R., Pastor.

Hadley Falls. He opened his girls' school in 1868, followed it with our first boys' school in 1872, brought the Sisters of Providence to the diocese in 1876, supervised their establishment at South Hadley, Holyoke and Ingleside, and presented to the diocese the Father Harkins Home for the Aged. Rome, quick to recognize and reward unusual accomplishments for the Master, made him a domestic prelate in 1903.

Monsignor Harkins had the unlimited respect and confidence of his people. We once heard a college graduate, whose use of a certain word was criticized, say: "Do you know where I heard that word used? By old 'Daddy' Harkins from St. Jerome's pulpit," and apparently if the one affectionally called "old Daddy Harkins" used a word, it thereby became good English usage! This intrepid priest was the champion, not only of his people's faith, but of his people themselves, and their rapid rise to prominence in Holyoke public life was due in no small measure to a leadership which "knew its rights, and knowing, dared maintain." His elevation to the honor of domestic prelate was universally hailed as giving honor where honor was due.

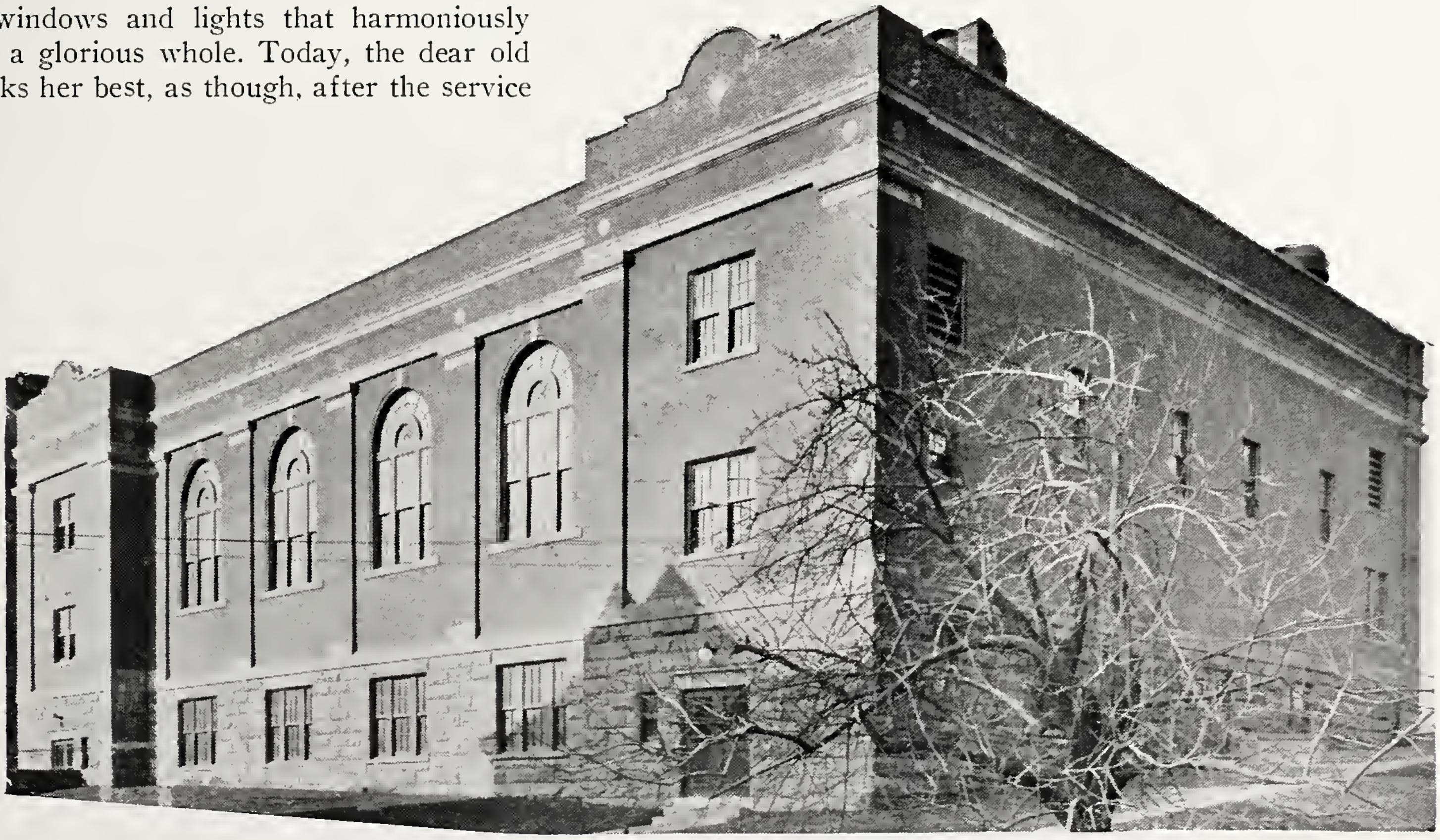
On the death of this stalwart priest, the then vicar general, Rt. Rev. Msgr. John T. Madden, took up the reins. He put the parish property into excellent repair and reduced everything to that systematic procedure for which he was justly famed. He received St. Jerome's in its declining years, when its people were being pushed out by the encroachments of business, but left the impress of a skilled hand and trained mind on the institutions of the old mother parish.

Monsignor Madden was succeeded by the pres-



AUDITORIUM, SACRED HEART COMMUNITY BUILDING, HOLYOKE

ent pastor, Rt. Rev. Msgr. John F. Fagan, whose exceptional worth has received the recognition accorded to his distinguished predecessors—the honor of the purple was conferred upon him on the occasion of Bishop O'Leary's first visit to Rome, in 1925. Under him, St. Jerome's is enjoying its "second spring." Knowing that timbers which have supported roof and towers for over half a century may not be as sound as once they were, Monsignor Fagan thoroughly renovated St. Jerome's, beautified the whole interior with frescoes, windows and lights that harmoniously blend into a glorious whole. Today, the dear old church looks her best, as though, after the service of nigh three quarters of a century, she enjoyed the gift of perennial youth. Monsignor Fagan has been obliged to wage a stern battle against encroaching commercialism, to keep St. Jerome's the beauty spot that it is and deserves to remain. Holyoke owes too much to St. Jerome's to allow it to be ruined by establishments which can only depopulate the neighborhood.



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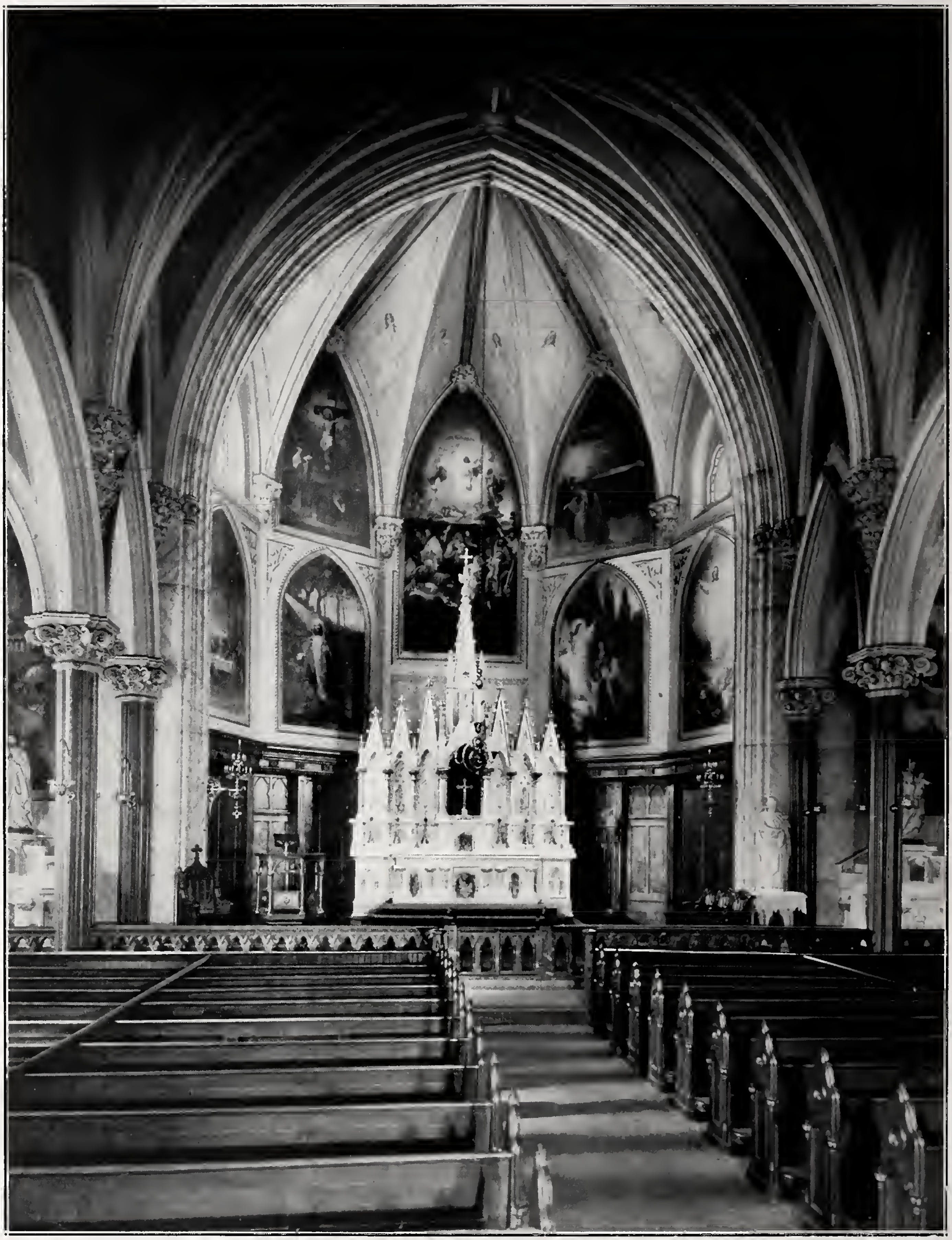
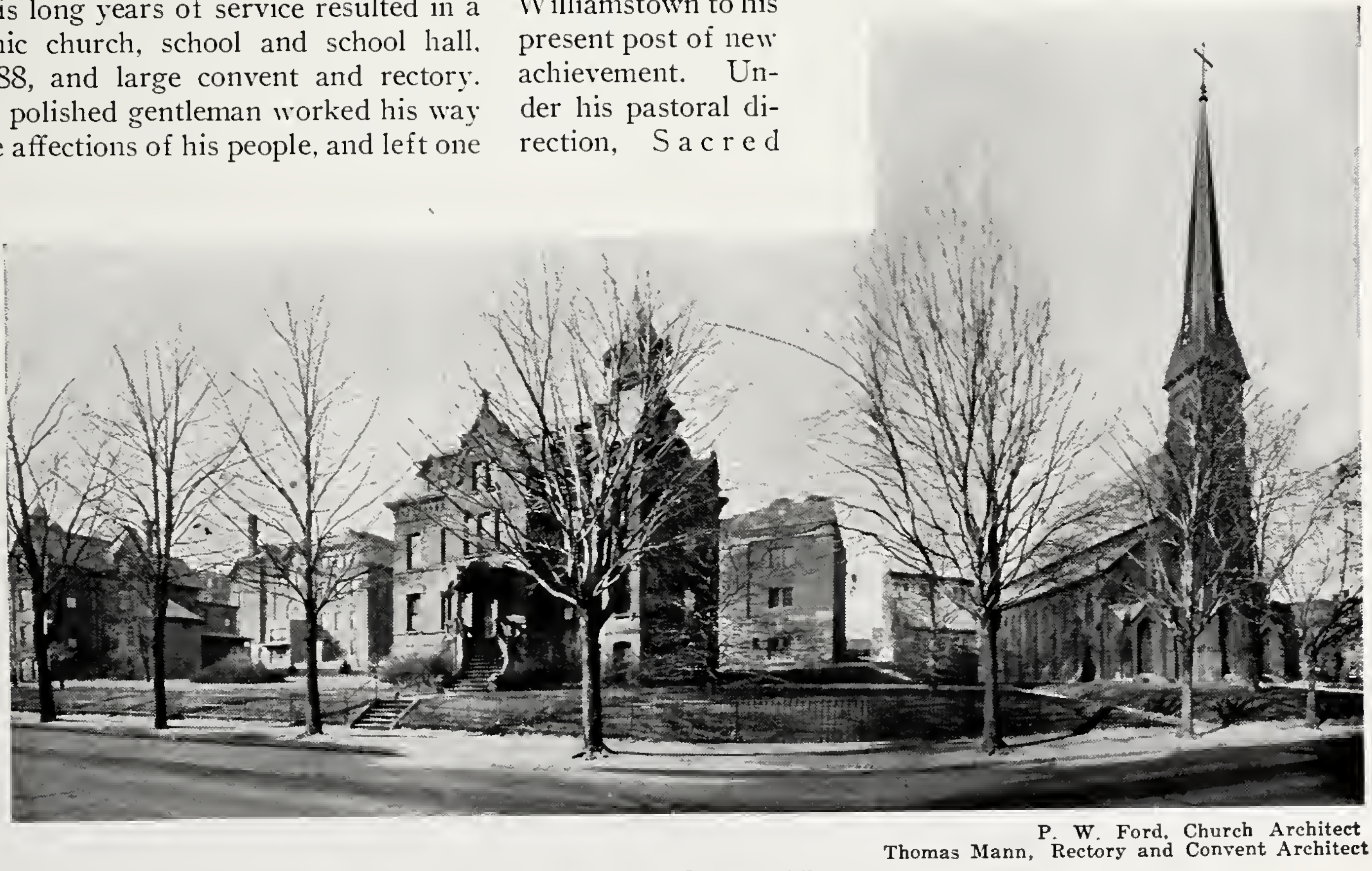


P. W. Ford, Architect

Sacred Heart Church, Holyoke
Rt. Rev. Msgr. William E. Foley, P.R., Pastor.

LADIES' PARLOR IN THE SACRED HEART COMMUNITY BUILDING, HOLYOKE
Rt. Rev. Msgr. William E. Foley, P.R., Pastor.

IN 1878, Sacred Heart was separated from St. Jerome's. Its church was already in process of construction. After the brief stay of Rev. James F. Sheehan, Rev. P. B. Phelan came in 1880 and remained in charge until his death, nearly forty years later. His long years of service resulted in a splendid Gothic church, school and school hall, opened in 1888, and large convent and rectory. This cultured, polished gentleman worked his way deeply into the affections of his people, and left one of the great parishes of our diocese. His successor, the present pastor, now Rt. Rev. Msgr. William E. Foley, has proven himself an exceptional churchman in all of his assignments since his first pastorate at Williamstown to his present post of new achievement. Under his pastoral direction, Sacred

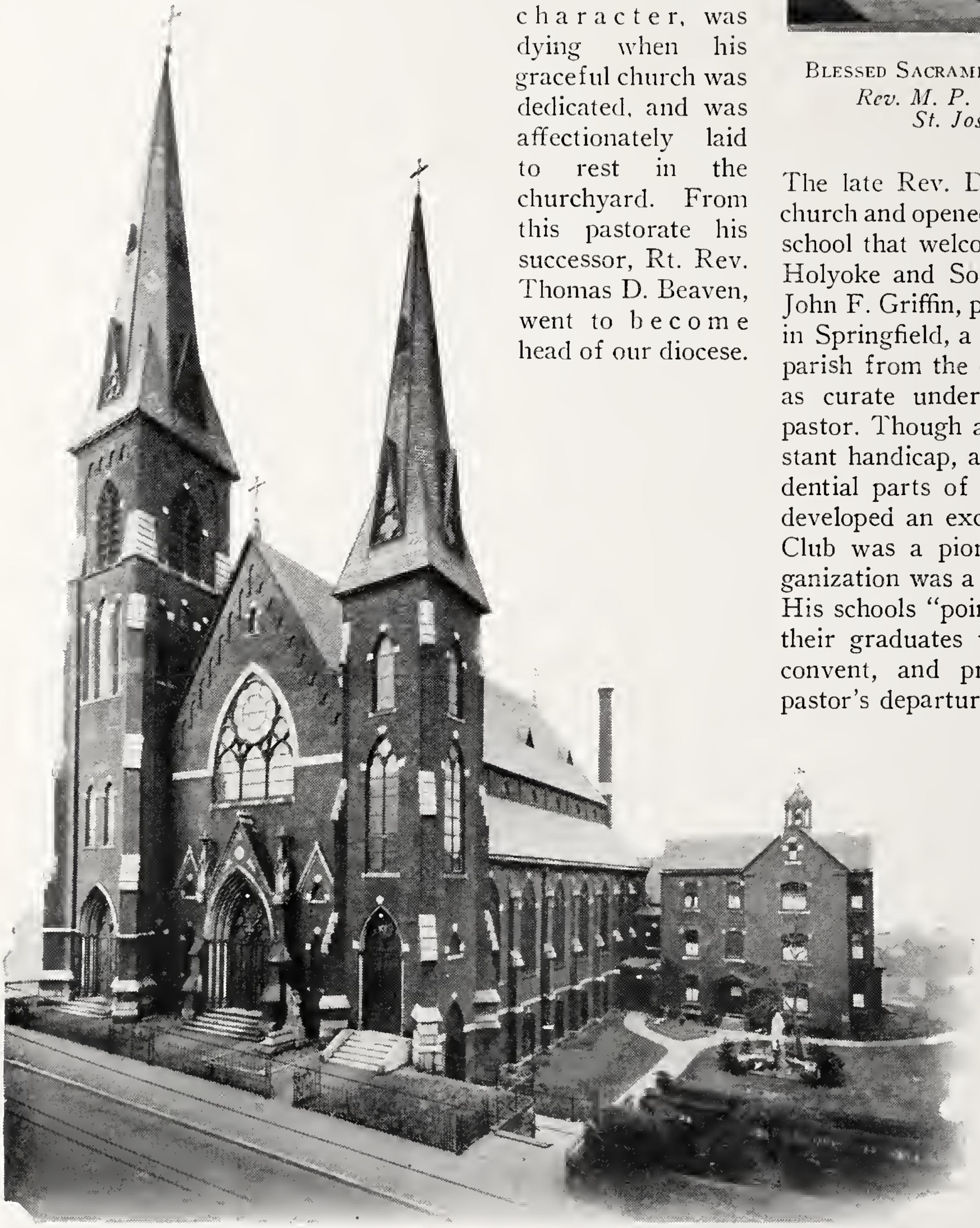


P. W. Ford, Church Architect
Thomas Mann, Rectory and Convent Architect

SACRED HEART GROUP, HOLYOKE
CONVENT, SCHOOL, RECTORY, COMMUNITY BUILDING AND CHURCH
Rt. Rev. Msgr. William E. Foley, P.R., Pastor. Sisters of St. Joseph in charge of School.

Heart has thriven. He has added a new gem to the parish group—a community hall and gymnasium, peerless among such buildings, and furnished with an exquisite taste which has not lessened its practical utility. Builder, organizer, an inspiration to any work for God's people, Monsignor Foley received the purple, on the recommendation of Bishop O'Leary, as a reward for wholehearted co-operation in every movement which makes for the progress of parish or diocese.

HOLY ROSARY was the second parochial daughter to leave the old mother fold of St. Jerome's, in 1886. Its first pastor, Father Michael Howard, a lovable character, was dying when his graceful church was dedicated, and was affectionately laid to rest in the churchyard. From this pastorate his successor, Rt. Rev. Thomas D. Beaven, went to become head of our diocese.



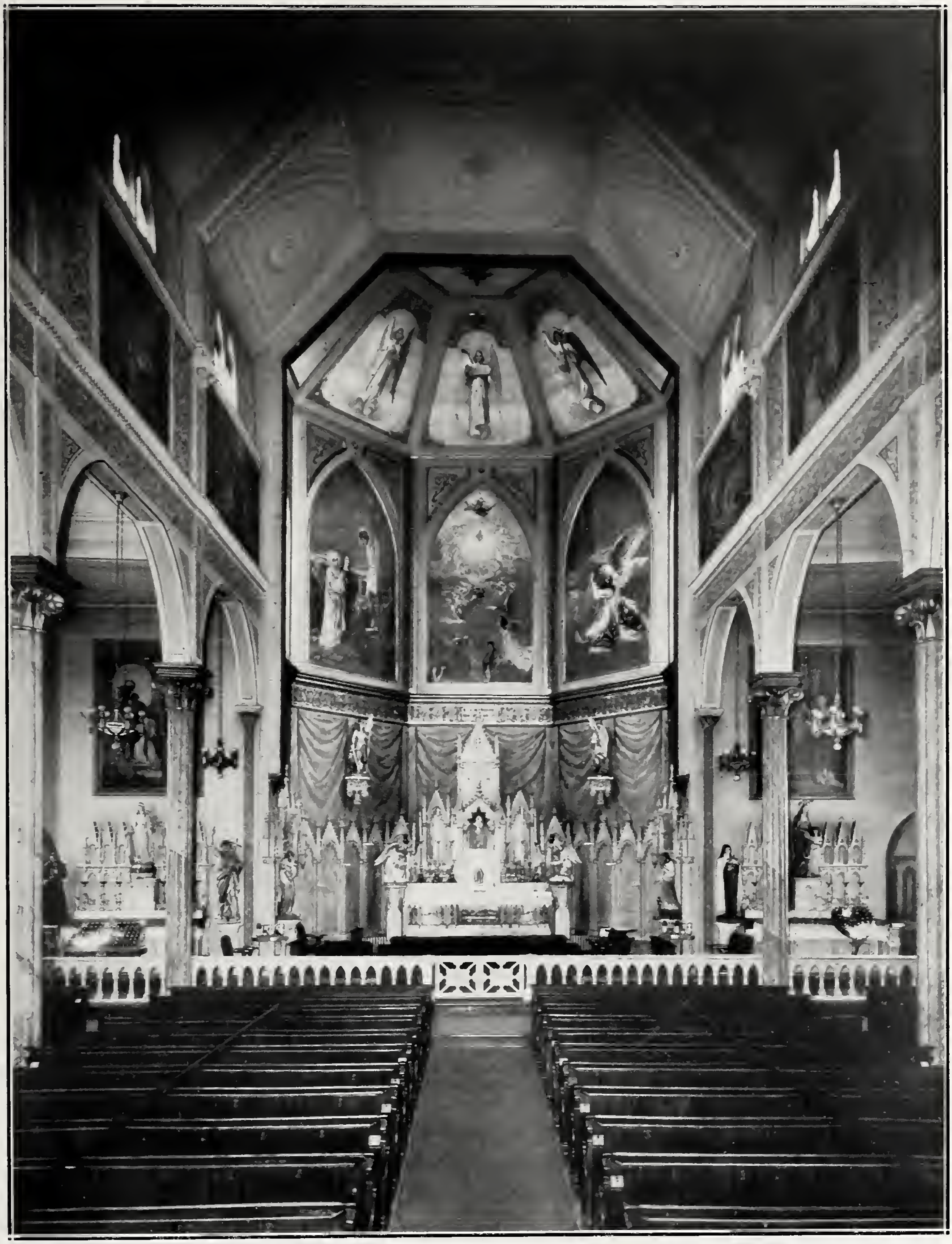
James Murphy, Architect

HOLY ROSARY CHURCH AND CONVENT, HOLYOKE
Rev. D. H. McDermott, J.C.D., Pastor.

BLESSED SACRAMENT CHURCH AND SCHOOL, HOLYOKE
Rev. M. P. Kavanaugh, Pastor. Sisters of St. Joseph in charge of School.

The late Rev. David F. McGrath completed the church and opened its schools, which included a high school that welcomed students from every part of Holyoke and South Hadley Falls. The late Rev. John F. Griffin, prior to his going to Sacred Heart, in Springfield, a year ago, had seen service in this parish from the day of his ordination. He served as curate under two pastors and then became pastor. Though a declining population was a constant handicap, as his people moved to more residential parts of Holyoke, Father Griffin's labors developed an exceptional parish spirit. His Boys' Club was a pioneer of its kind, his alumni organization was a model of enthusiasm and loyalty. His schools "point with pride" to the numbers of their graduates who entered the priesthood, the convent, and professional life. Rarely does a pastor's departure cause more sincere regret.

His successor, the present pastor, is Rev. D. H. McDermott, J.C.D., whose popularity as an assistant to Father Griffin made him doubly welcome to a parish where everyone was already his friend. An earnest, convincing speaker, and able administrator, Dr. McDermott is assured of his people's esteem and co-operation.



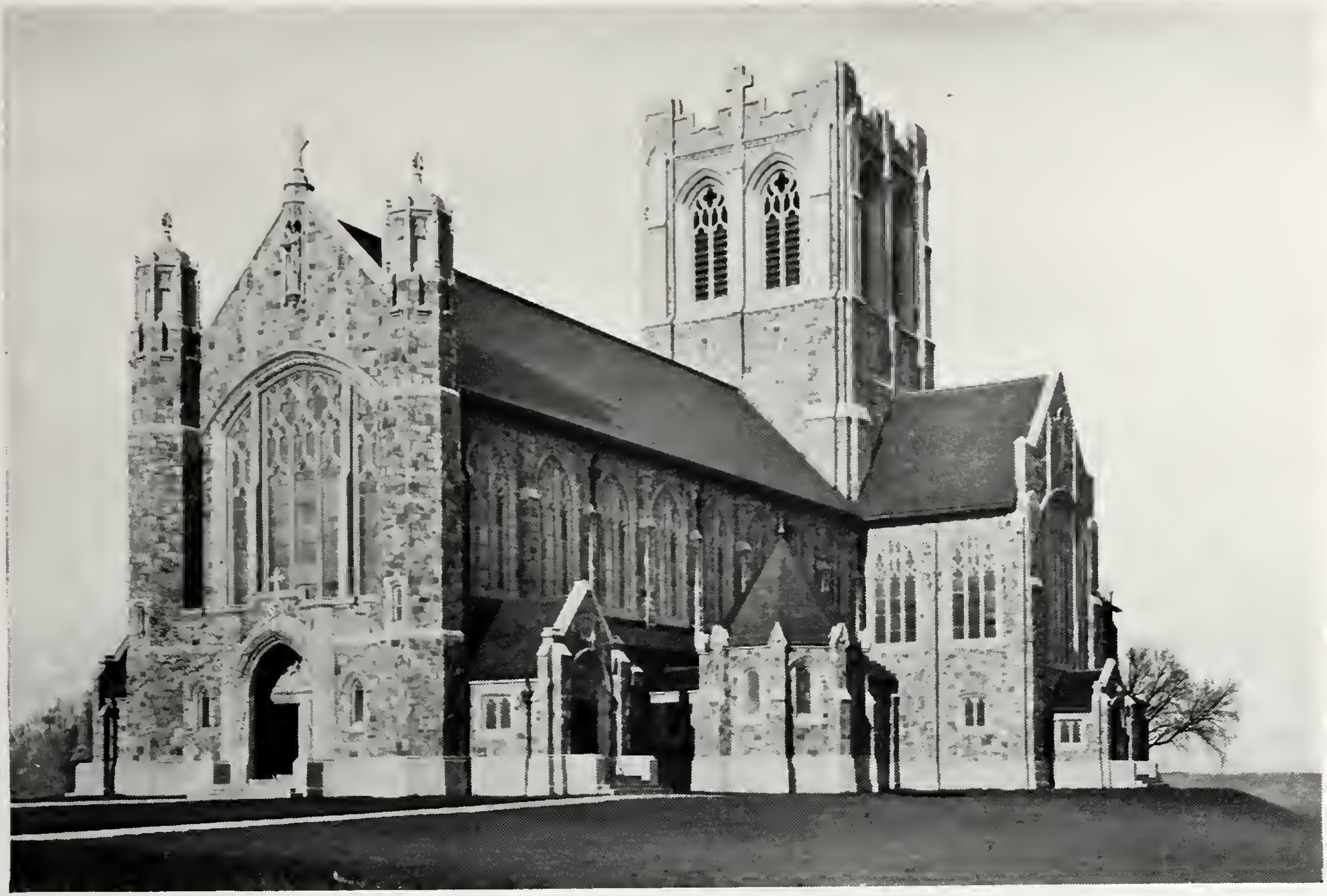
George E. Potter, Architect

PRECIOUS BLOOD CHURCH, HOLYOKE
Reverend Gedeon Fontaine, Pastor.

John W. Donohue, Architect

HOLY CROSS CHURCH, HOLYOKE
Rev. John C. Ivers, LL.D., Pastor.

SACRED HEART, in turn, had to be divided, and the Blessed Sacrament was established, in 1913, with Rev. John J. Lunney as its first pastor. He immediately erected a school, with a hall for church purposes, and this arrangement continues. The parish has increased in numbers and pupils have multiplied, so that enlarged quarters have been found necessary. On Father Lunney's promotion to Worcester, Rev. Michael P. Kavanagh took charge, turned the spacious parish rectory over to the teaching sisters, and obtained another home for the priests. A flourishing parish school is the best earnest for the future, and that Father Kavanagh has. Without much external display, he accomplishes lasting results. The day when the Blessed Sacrament buildings will be completed by



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a parish church so as to leave the hall for school purposes, cannot be far distant, and when it comes, the financial burden will not be crushing, so quietly does Father Kavanagh accomplish surprising progress.

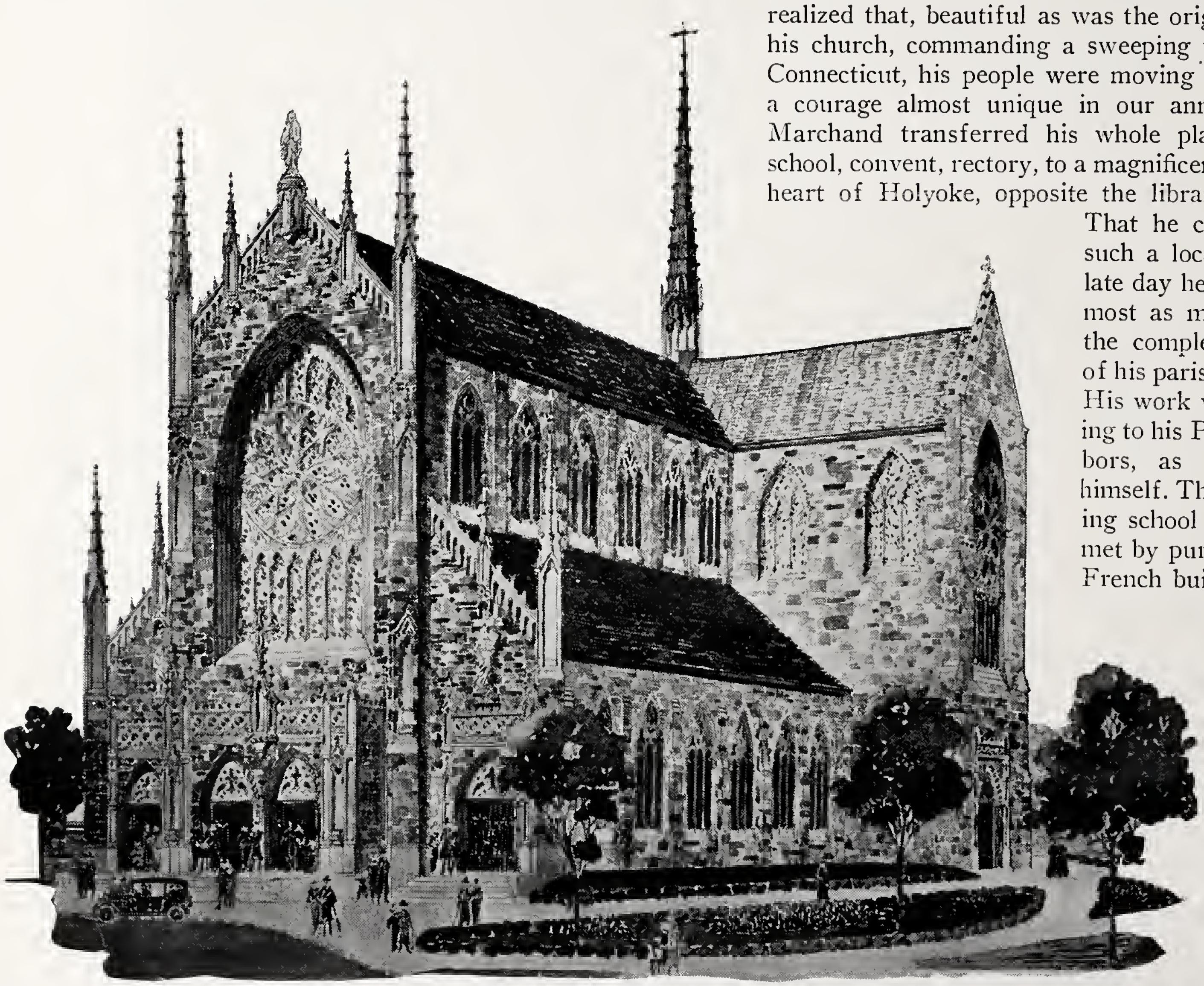
ANOTHER division of St. Jerome's gave birth, in 1905, to the prosperous and progressive parish of Holy Cross, of which the Rev. Dr. John C. Ivers, the first pastor, is still the guiding spirit. For years, his people worshipped in the brick hall, which he had so constructed that it could readily be turned into a parish school. For years, he lived in an inadequate brick house on the splendid property which he was fortunate enough to acquire, until an opportunity came to obtain a rectory more suited to his needs. His dream of a noble house of worship, looking out over Holyoke, was realized, in 1929, in the dedication of the new Holy Cross, one of the "picture churches" of

The beautiful side aisles of Holy Cross Church are a delight to the lovers of Gothic architecture.

our diocese. Its central tower is visible from all sides, its commanding position makes it stand out in the graceful proportions of its lovely lines, which were taken from the medieval triumph of Gothic architecture, Ely, in England. Yet, so ably did Dr. Ivers plan, so generous were his people in seconding his efforts, that he has a comparatively small financial burden, while he has crowned Holyoke's most prominent lookout with a structure worth upwards of half a million dollars. An eloquent preacher, gifted with a ringing bass voice, an affable character, a careful financial manager, Dr. Ivers has grown into the lives of his people as a shepherd who pre-eminently knows his own and they know him.

WHILE Holyoke's English speaking parishes were thus branching out from the mother trunk at St. Jerome's, the French speaking flocks were developing in parallel lines. The Precious Blood Parish was founded in 1869 under Father Andre B. Dufresne, who dedicated the present church in 1878. After nine years of unremitting toil, he died, and a grateful people made the churchyard, where the first chapel stood, his burial place. The most vigorous era of Precious Blood Parish came under that stalwart early French missionary, Rev. Father Charles Crevier, who came to Holyoke from Indian Orchard in 1890. He had been the first French missionary in the northern Berkshires. In 1894, he opened the parish schools of the Precious Blood, and guided ably the spiritual destinies of this people for over thirty years, though his declining years were marked by ill health brought on by long years of labor in the Master's vineyard. The present pastor is Rev. Gedeon Fontaine, whose energetic labors completed the parish plant of Linwood, before his promotion to Holyoke, where, in a larger field, he will repeat his earlier success.

IN 1890, Precious Blood Parish was divided by the foundation of Perpetual Help under Rev. Father Brunault, who, like so many others, began by opening his school first, in 1891, and holding services in the school hall. His successor, Rev. Joseph Marchand, came from a fruitful pastorate at Three Rivers. In the midst of his new labors for the promotion of his Master's cause, he realized that, beautiful as was the original site of his church, commanding a sweeping view of the Connecticut, his people were moving away. With a courage almost unique in our annals, Father Marchand transferred his whole plant, church, school, convent, rectory, to a magnificent site in the heart of Holyoke, opposite the library grounds. That he could obtain such a location at the late day he did was almost as marvelous as the complete transfer of his parish buildings. His work was a blessing to his Polish neighbors, as well as to himself. Their expanding school needs were met by purchasing the French buildings. The



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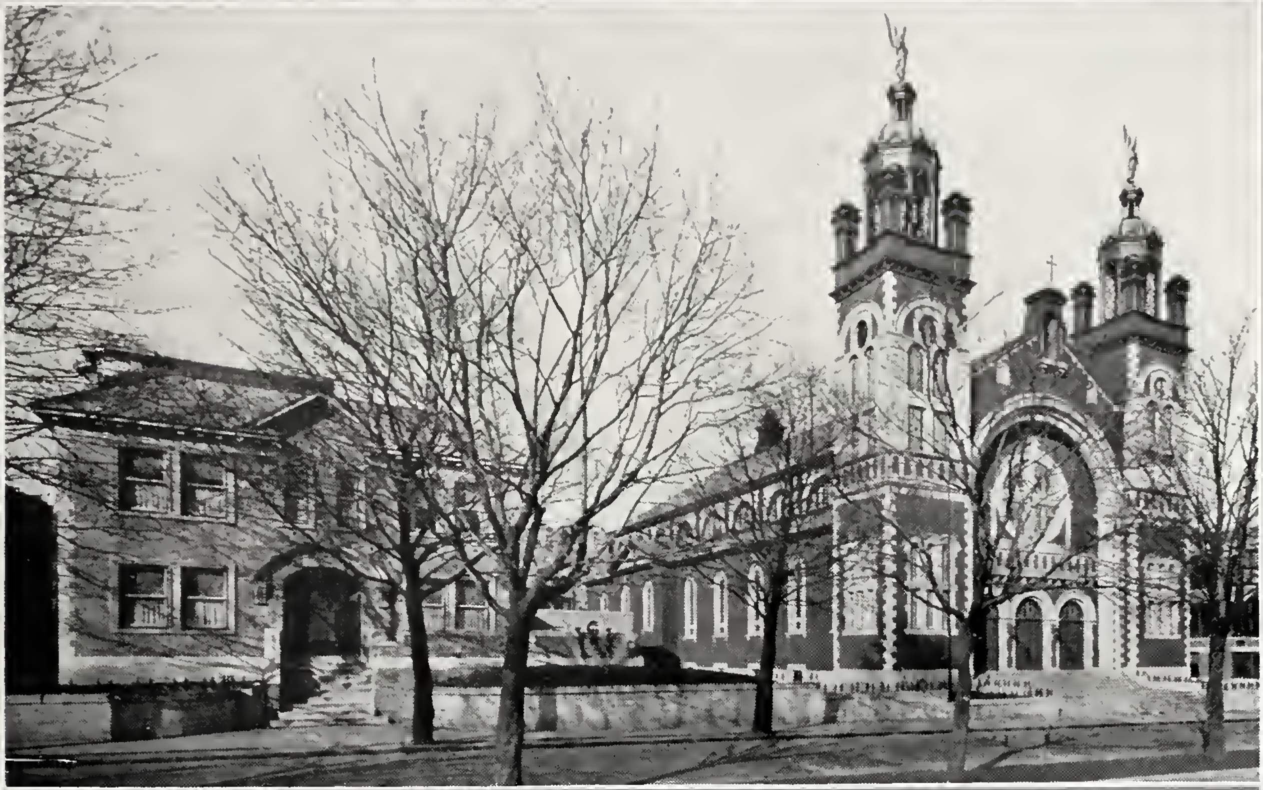
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH, HOLYOKE
Rev. M. J. Ginet, M.S., Pastor.



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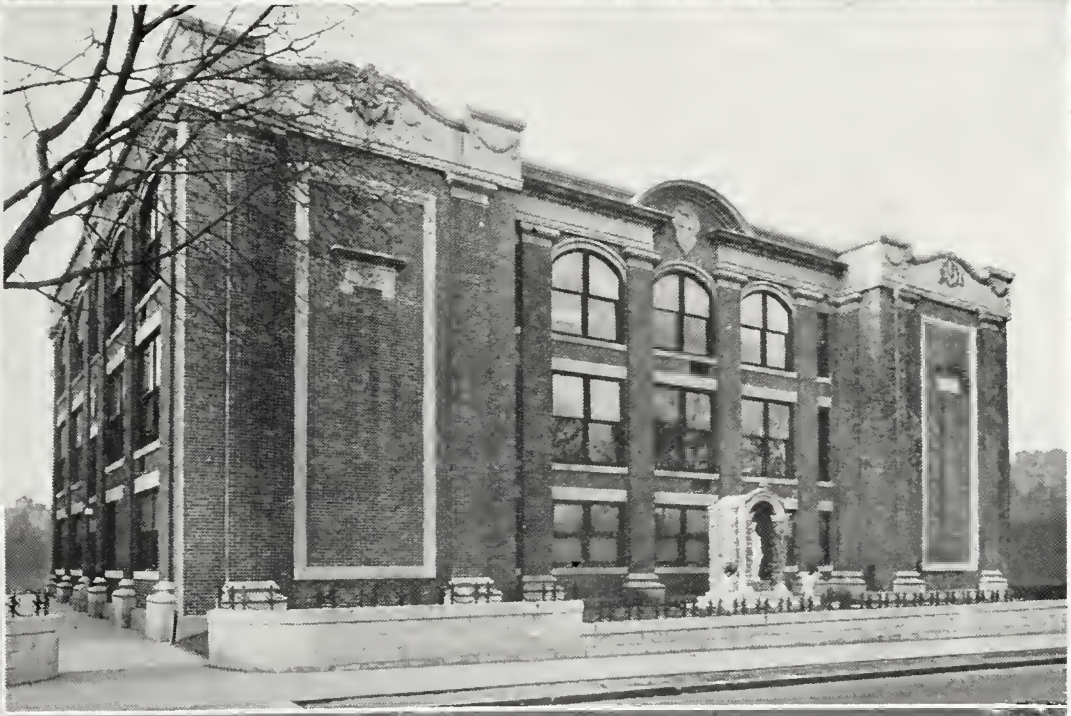

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OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP GROUP, HOLYOKE

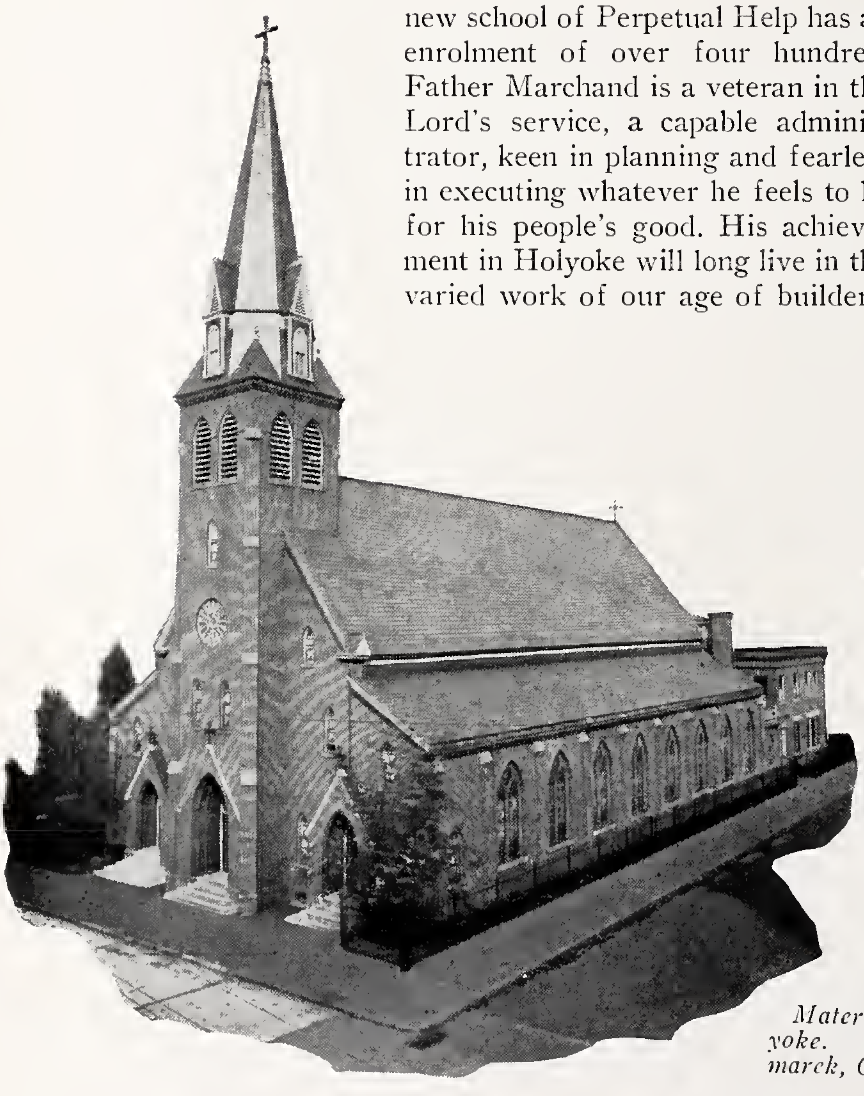
Upper—RECTORY AND CHURCH. *Lower*—SCHOOL.

Rev. Joseph Marchand, Pastor. Sisters of Presentation of Mary in charge of School.

O. E. Nault, Architect

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SCHOOL, HOLYOKE
Rev. M. J. Ginet, M.S., Pastor. Sisters of Presentation of Mary in charge.

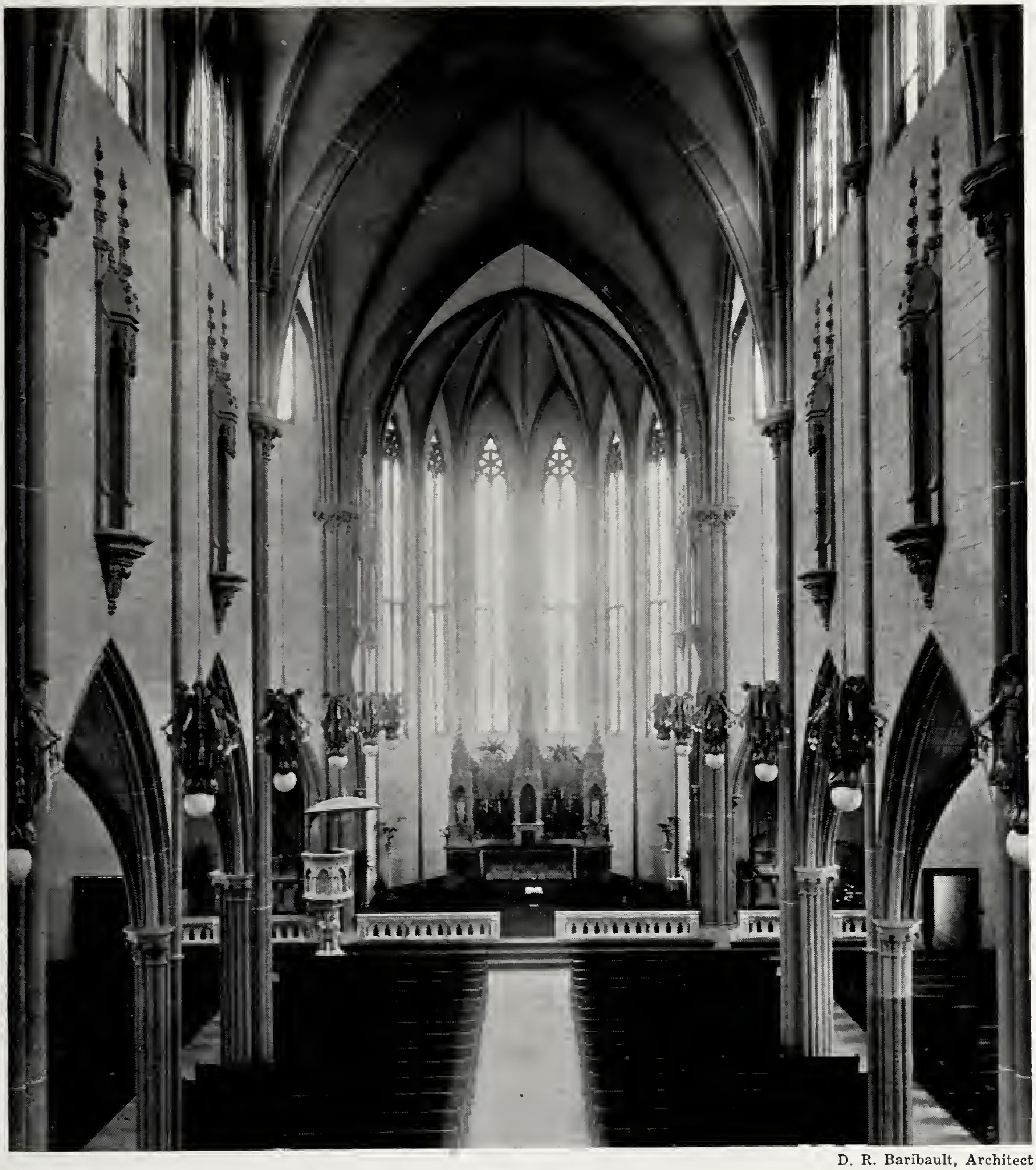
new school of Perpetual Help has an enrolment of over four hundred. Father Marchand is a veteran in the Lord's service, a capable administrator, keen in planning and fearless in executing whatever he feels to be for his people's good. His achievement in Holyoke will long live in the varied work of our age of builders.



Mater Dolorosa Church, Holyoke. Rev. Theodore Kaczmarek, O.M.C., Pastor.

DOWN below the Holy Rosary, at the Holyoke end of the bridge to South Hadley, a towering new church in stone, a superb example of French Gothic, raises its graceful head. It was largely planned and wholly erected under the supervision of Rev. M. J. Ginet, M.S., and is dedicated to God's worship under the title of the Immaculate Conception. From its foundation, in 1905, until the dedication of the church, last year, a period of twenty-five years, the congregation had worshipped in a basement constructed by the first pastor, Father J. V. Campeau. When the present stately stone structure was completed, the original place of worship became a parish hall. The parish school accommodates over seven hundred pupils. Father Ginet's own ideas went into the beautiful lights, the lovely pulpit and the chaste, harmonious decorations of the church interior. This parish in 1930 celebrated the silver jubilee of its foundation.

IN 1896, Father Sikorski was given charge of the Holyoke Polish people, at that time so torn by the dissensions due to the independent spirit that he called his parish Mater Dolorosa—Mother of Sorrows—and St. Bernard's *Memorare* re-



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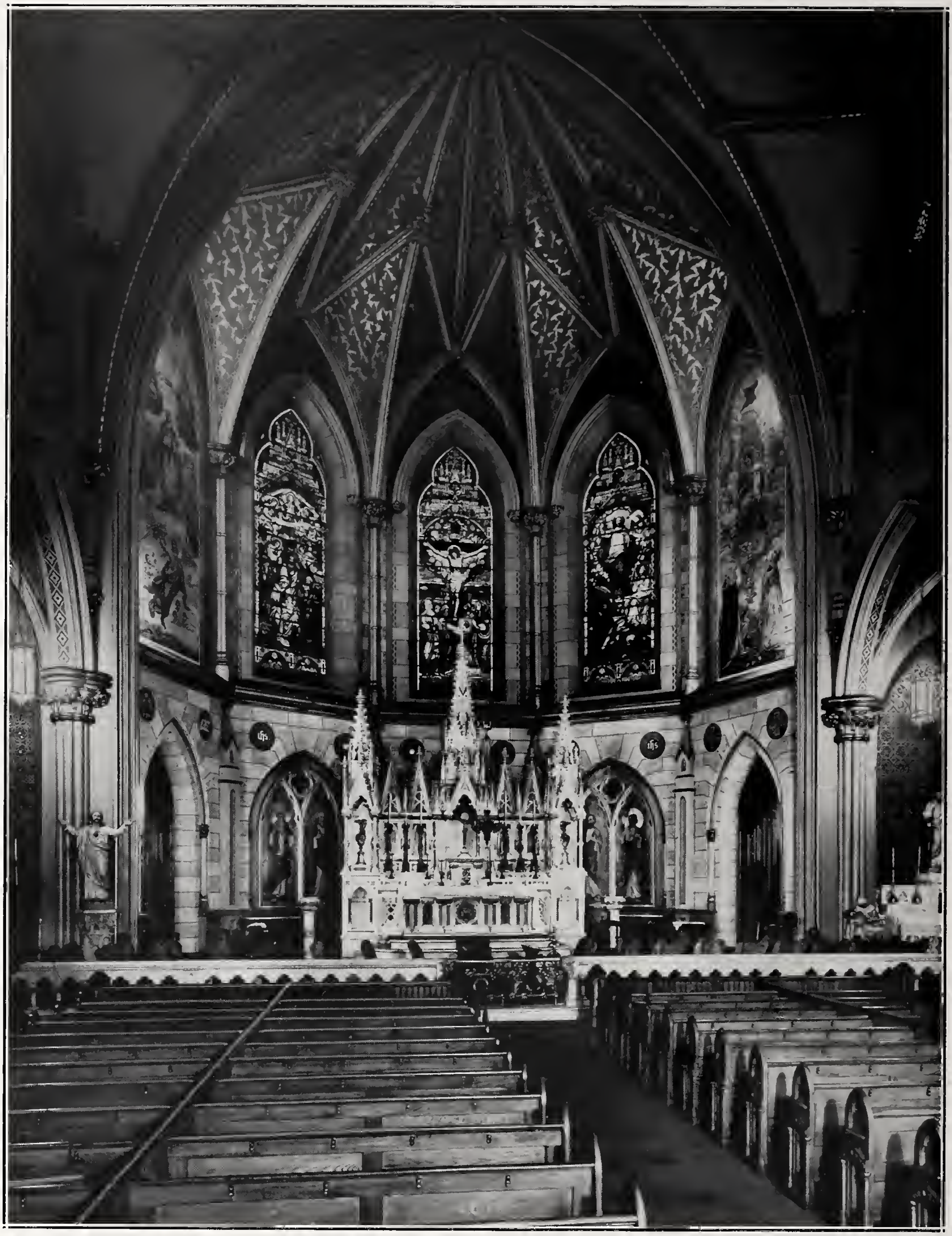

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Holy Rosary Church, Holyoke
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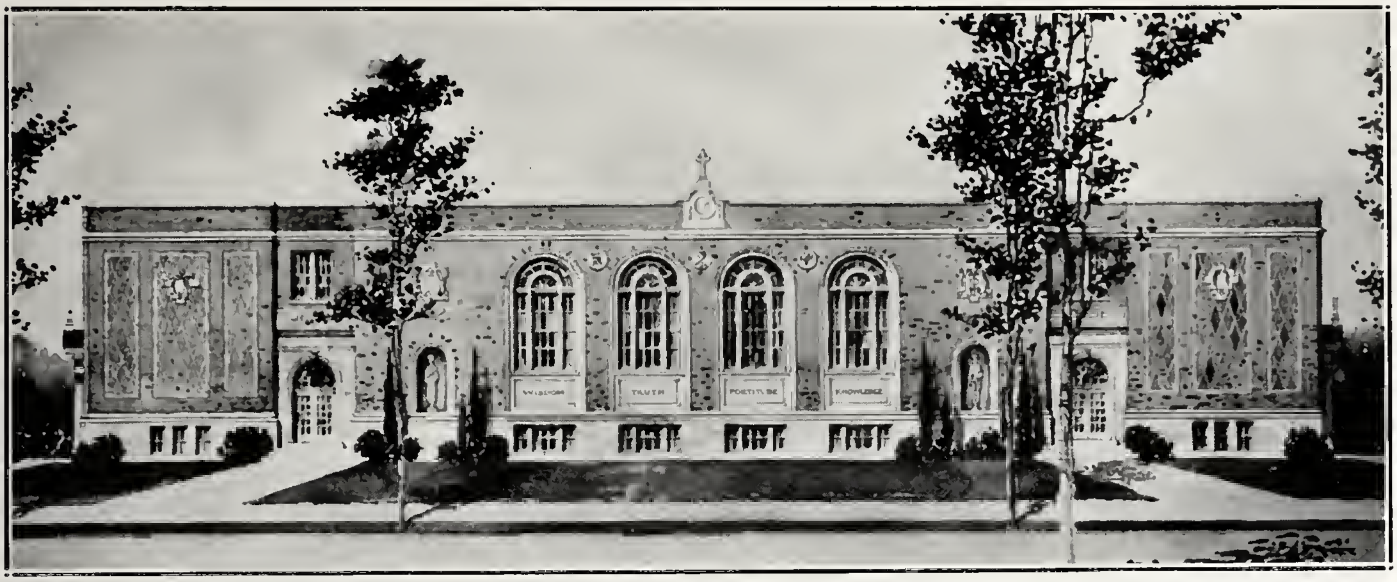

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NEW IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH SCHOOL, WEST SPRINGFIELD
Rev. John A. O'Connell, Pastor. Sisters of St. Joseph in charge.

ceived another fulfilment—he did not call for help in vain. The independent spirit was gradually dissipated, though not without a struggle, and today Rev. Theodore Kaczmarek, O.M.C., rules a large, united congregation, with over eight hundred in the parish schools. The Polish people have advanced along every line and are a factor to be reckoned with in the political and business life of Holyoke.

WEST SPRINGFIELD'S parish of the Immaculate Conception began separate existence in 1877, under Rev. P. B. Phelan, who three years later became pastor of Sacred Heart, in Holyoke. He dedicated a frame church which was used until the late Father John J. Mullen erected the present sightly structure. His successor, Father John O'Keefe, repaired, enlarged and beautified the rectory, and purchased the extensive property on which the present far sighted pastor, Rev. John A. O'Connell, is completing a splendid parish group. A modern convent is already completed, and a beautiful new school is about ready to replace the old frame building, which has seen service successively as church, hall, and school since the late seventies. On the completion of this twelve room building, with a hall capable of seating 800, Father O'Connell will have provided for every present requirement of parish life and for the future also. A fine speaker, a gifted bilinguist, as well as an able financier, Father O'Connell has the approachableness which wins the hearts of his parishioners.

GOOD FATHER GAGNIER said Mass out in Mittineague as early as 1873, but the parish of St. William was erected in 1883, under Father E. Pelletier, and its school was opened in 1894. St. William's Parish has enjoyed the spiritual leadership of a long line of zealous pastors, including Fathers Campeau, Biron, Bonneville, Wren, Genest, Dalpe, Marcoux and Fitzgerald. Father Genest opened the schools and built St. Louis' mission church in West Springfield. Though the parish has not grown, its present

Side View of New Immaculate Conception Convent, West Springfield. Rev. John A. O'Connell, Pastor.

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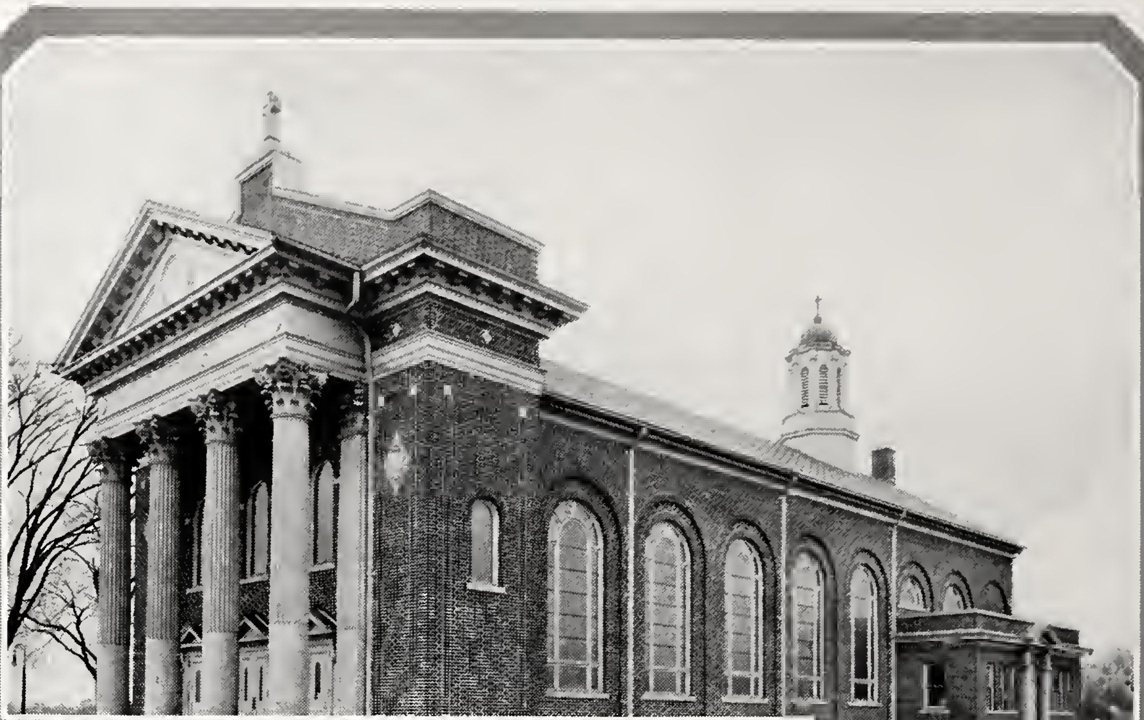

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ST. ANN'S CHURCH,
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*Rev. Ermino Lona,
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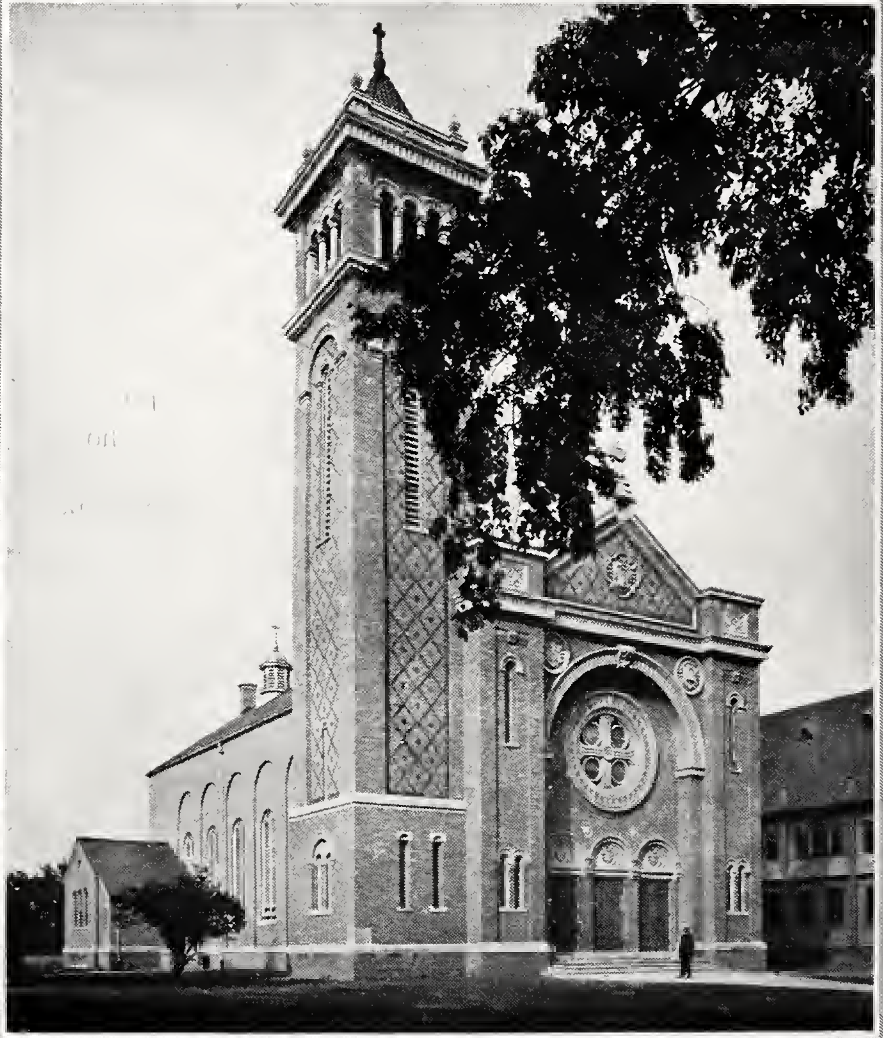

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH,
WEST SPRINGFIELD
Rev. John A. O'Connell, Pastor.

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ST. TERESA'S CHURCH, MITTINEAGUE
Rev. Alfred Potvin, Pastor.

pastor, Rev. Alfred Potvin, has a flourishing parish organization, and a school which gives education to over one hundred and fifty pupils. Its present title is St. Teresa of the Infant Jesus.

MITTINEAGUE'S second parish, St. Thomas', had a long mission existence under Chicopee and West Springfield, before attaining parochial rank in 1900. The tireless Father Healy, of Chicopee, erected its first church in 1869, though Mass had been said earlier. Possibly the first Mass was offered by the saintly Father Power. Rev. John Griffin was the first resident pastor. When fire destroyed the historic mission church, plans were drawn for the present beautiful church, which was erected by his successor, Rev. James Tyrrell, whose administration of over twenty years left St. Thomas' in sound financial condition. His successor, and the present head of the parish, is Rev. James W. Dolan, eloquent and talented, under whom the thriving flock on the borders of Springfield is making long strides toward the completion of its building program, with plans for a parish school being formulated.

ST. WILLIAM'S, of Mittineague, was divided in 1904 to establish St. Louis' French speaking parish in West Springfield, of which Rev. George Trottier has just been appointed pastor, to succeed Rev. Horace Gelineau. The first pastor was Rev. J. D. Comtois. The mission chapel, built by Father Genest, was burned, and another erected by Father Dalpé. Father Comtois' successor was Father Brault, who was promoted to Linwood. The present pastor, a young and energetic priest in his first parochial charge, should lead St. Louis' to new heights, along the highway of parish development.

AT THE other side of Springfield, along the Connecticut, lie the Longmeadows, where Father Healy of Chicopee said Mass as early as 1870, in the very building which later became St. Mary's mission church, East Longmeadow. In 1894 Rev. Anthony E. Dwyer became the first resident pastor, with St. Michael's, East Longmeadow, as a home parish. There the church was built in 1887. On Father Dwyer's promotion to Fisherville, the Longmeadows were cared for by Fathers Daley, Finneran, Adrain and Richard Murphy. For a long time the Catholic populations of the Longmeadows showed no appreciable growth, but at present they are receiving an influx from Springfield, which promises well for future increase. The pastor is Rev. John J. Rogers, a likeable and progressive character, who easily makes and retains friends among all classes, and is certain to command the respect of all as his projects for the future of Catholicism in the Longmeadows are put into execution. He has just completed a rectory in East Longmeadow, while in Longmeadow work will soon start on the foundations of a new church.

St. Thomas' Church, Mittineague. Rev. James W. Dolan, Pastor.

John W. Donohue, Architect

WESTFIELD'S first Mass was probably said by the almost omnipresent Father Fitton, as early as 1829 or 1830. Catholics there were subsequently cared for by Father Brady and Father Blenkinsop, of Chicopee, and the priests of the Cathedral, and their first parish was formed in 1862 under Father M. V. Carroll. Three names stand out in its history and bring St. Mary's to our own day: Rev. Thomas Smythe, who built the church and established his people in the confidence and esteem of all; Rev. James Donohue, who began the school, and Rev. George Fitzgerald, of hallowed name, who passed away in 1929—builder of the convent, enlarger of the school and founder of the community hall, which he had hoped to see a central Catholic high school. He left a large share of his modest estate to further the realization of that dream. His successor, appointed in the recent changes, is Rev. James P. Curran, whose eloquence, zeal and personality augur a bright future for St. Mary's.

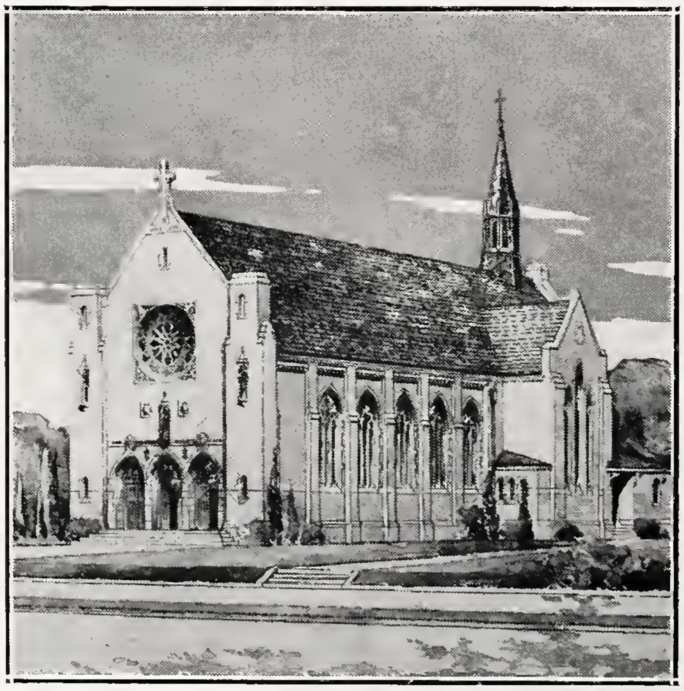
IN MAY, 1910, St. Mary's was divided and the Blessed Sacrament came into existence under Rev. Michael J. Ahern, the saintly brother of our late chancellor. He had erected a parish church and purchased a modern rectory when he was succeeded by Rev. Patrick J. O'Malley, the present pastor, who acquired an exceptionally fine property, used the well appointed residence for a rectory and moved the church erected by Father Ahern to the new acquisition which embraces plenty of land to allow for any possible extension of the parish buildings. Father O'Malley commands the love and respect of his people to an unusual degree, is a forceful speaker, a keen man of affairs and a sympathetic spiritual guide.

John W. Donohue, Architect

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, WESTFIELD
Rev. C. Litowski, M.S., Pastor.

THE Polish members of St. Mary's began separate parochial existence in 1903, under Rev. Stanislaus Cencyenylski, but soon were entrusted to Fathers of the La Salette Order, whose Father Snyder completed the church and rectory in 1909. The present pastor, Rev. C. Litowski, finished the parish schools in 1925, so that this Holy Trinity group, facing on a broad public square, now presents an imposing aspect, and equips the parish for every parochial activity.

THE Lithuanian parish, of which Rev. C. A. Vasys was the first pastor, was organized in 1915. Father Vasys erected a suitable church, purchased a rectory and had materially reduced the indebtedness before his promotion to Worcester, in 1929. His successor, the present pastor, is Rev. J. S. Vembre, who is not only doing good work in



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Proposed New St. Mary's Church, Longmeadow. Rev. John J. Rogers, Pastor.

Westfield, but also does missionary work among the Lithuanians in neighboring parishes.

THE mission of South Hadley was St. Ann's at Fairview, where Rev. Humphrey J. Wren erected a mission church as early as 1891. In 1912 it became a separate parish, in charge of Rev. John A. O'Connell, at present in West Springfield. Father O'Connell made an exceptional record in this, his first pastoral appointment. He raised large sums of money, and built a new church and rectory, leaving but a small indebtedness to be met by his successor. The present pastor is Rev. Leon T. Ruty, successor to Rev. V. Epinard, of Southbridge. Father Ruty, a priest of initiative and zeal, is doing meritorious work for Fairview, which has become the local center of devotion to St. Ann, its patroness.

OUT at the eastern border of Hampden, there was an early influx of Catholics which resulted in a group of parishes, beginning with Palmer, where the parish of St. Thomas was established by Father P. V. Moyce in 1864, though Father Blenkinsop offered Mass there as early as 1850. A series of short pastorates and pastoral stays of ten years each by Fathers Francis Lynch and Thomas Sullivan brought the development of St. Thomas to the arrival of Father William H. Hart. He was its pastor from 1889 to his death, thirty years later. The present pastor is Rev. Michael J. Carroll, who has passed the fiftieth milestone of his priesthood and is still hale and hearty. Father Carroll has always been an able administrator, an outspoken but just parochial director, and stands high in the public esteem of both Catholic and non-Catholic. His charge includes the neat mission church at North Wilbraham, on the Boston turnpike, St. Cecilia's.

ON THE outskirts of the Palmer parish, two parishes were founded in 1878—St. Bartholomew's, at Bondsville, under Rev. Daniel Sullivan, and St. Mary's, at Thorndike, under Rev. Francis J. Lynch. Most of the history of St. Bartholomew's was embraced in the long reign of Rev. Bartholomew McKeany, an eminent scholar in Egyptian lore, and a kindly soggarth of the old type. The present pastor is Rev. James W. McGrath, who has beautified the church property almost beyond recognition, and prepared for the foundation of the new parish at Belchertown.

Architectural Detail, Main Entrance, Holy Trinity Church, Westfield.

THE first pastor of St. Mary's, Thorndike, was Rev. Francis J. Lynch, who continued at the head of this flock until well into the present century. The parish church and rectory were improved and embellished by his successors, Fathers Thomas Donoghue, P. J. Griffin, and John J. Rogers, and, though Thorndike has met industrial reverses, even beyond other textile centers, the present pastor, Rev. John F. O'Connor, rules over a devout and faithful people. Father O'Connor brought to this, his first pastorate, a reputation for zeal and sympathetic kindness, especially to the sick and the aged, which he displayed in long years of service at the Cathedral, Springfield, and St. Jerome's, Holyoke, as well as during the years he served as chaplain to the Rutland Sanitarium.

IN 1882, the French people of Three Rivers, under Father A. A. Lamy, formed a separate parish unit, St. Ann's. They knew the able efforts of Father Joseph Marchand, before his transfer to

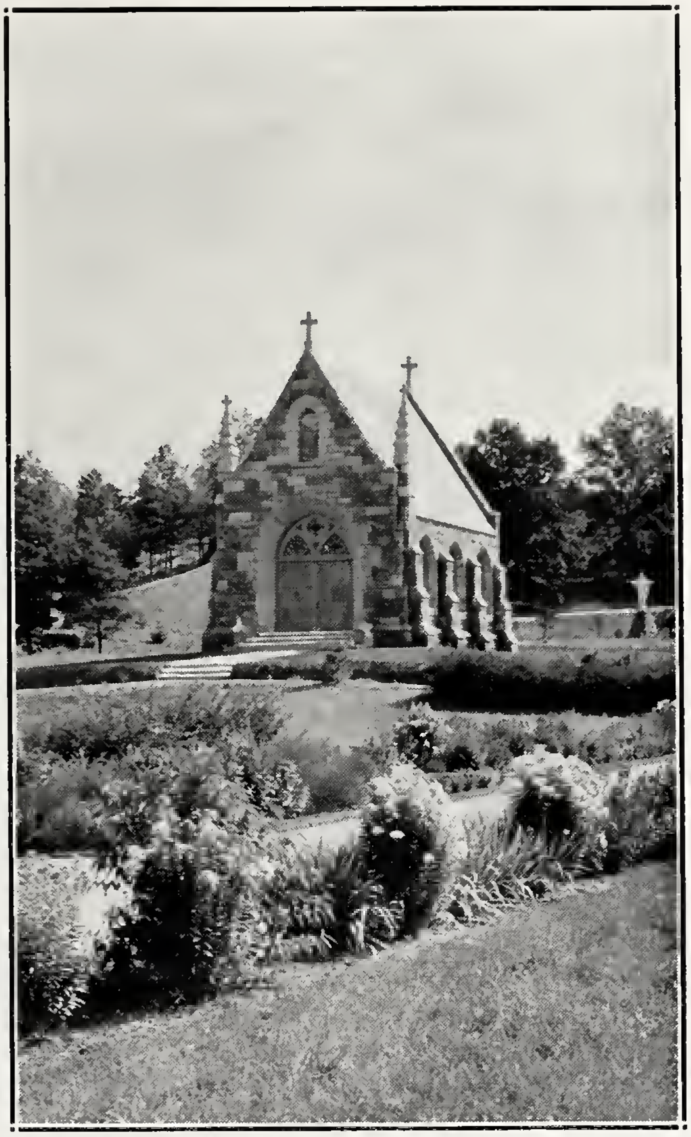
Chickering and O'Connell, Architects

St. Patrick's Church, Monson
Rev. Thomas O'Keefe, Pastor.

Holyoke, and have since been under the spiritual ministrations of that kindly gentleman, Rev. L. O. Geoffroy, whose closing years were saddened by the burning of his church and school. He rebuilt both, bigger and better, but the effort shattered a health never too robust and he passed away during an enforced vacation in Canada. An administrator, Father P. Benoit, now "carries on" in his place.

WITH the coming of the Polish people in increasing numbers to Bondsville, their care was entrusted to the priests at Three Rivers, from 1910 to 1918. Then the parish of St. Adelbert's became independent, with Rev. Ponykato Valentinus, M.S., as first pastor. Meantime, during the mission days of St. Adelbert, Father Kwasniewski had purchased land for the parish buildings, and Father Kzywda had erected the

Mater Dolorosa
This beautiful reproduction of Michelangelo's masterpiece is one of the two groups which replace conventional side altars in St. Patrick's Church, Monson.



Mortuary Chapel, Monson
This Gothic gem, in Bethany cemetery, is the gift of John R. Raftery, in memory of his deceased parents. It is constructed of selected Monson granite.

present church. The first pastor erected a home for the parish clergy, and added to the land already acquired. The present pastor, Rev. O. Loretan, M.S., was appointed in 1926, and has developed his parochial charge along both material and spiritual lines. Under him the Polish flock has become a devout and loyal group.

AT THE other side of Palmer the Monson flock was made independent in 1878, though Monson's first Mass carries us back to Father J. J. Doherty, of Springfield, in 1850. Monson subsequently fell to the spiritual lot of Chicopee, Ware and Palmer before St. Patrick's became a new member of our family of parishes, in 1878, with Rev. Jeremiah McCarthy in command. The first church of St. Patrick's was built by Father Healy, of Chicopee, and embellished by Father McCarthy, who also built the pretty mission church of Hampden. The brief pastorates of Fathers James H. Kelly and John F. Lee bring the parish to 1894, and the coming of the present leader, Rev. Thomas O'Keefe. He had an imposing stone church and excellently planned rectory, and a parish hall for catechetical instructions, when an un-

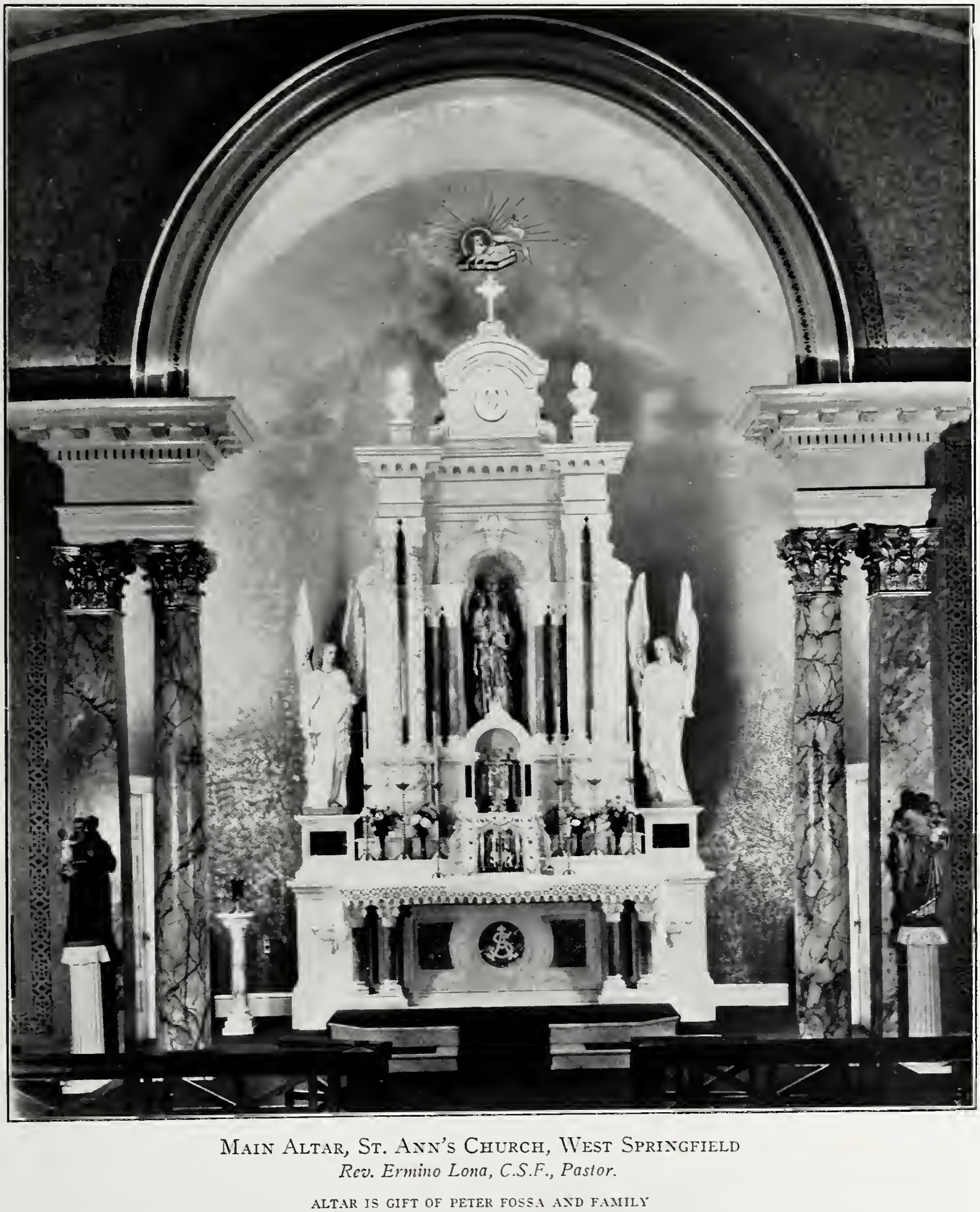
A GLIMPSE OF THE NATURAL BEAUTY OF BETHANY CEMETERY, MONSON

fortunate fire laid his beautiful House of God in ruins. With an energy creditable in a much younger man, a confidence in his people and all his neighbors begotten of over thirty years of amicable relations, the veteran pastor set to work and, in a year a handsome new St. Patrick's was a completed reality. A man of scholarly tastes and keen mental powers, Father O'Keefe has the spirit of a missionary, and, for upwards of thirty years, has cared for the distant missions of St. Mary's at Hampden and St. Monica's at Wales.

MORE recent years have witnessed the coming of the Polish people to Palmer, especially to the farming districts. Out in the open country, at Three Rivers, rises the church steeple of Sts. Peter and Paul, founded by the late Father Lenz in 1903. Father Kielbasinski built the rectory and church, while the present pastor opened the school in 1916. Today this school houses over four hundred pupils. On the other side of the church is the roomy rectory. Over this flourishing parish presides Rev. A. S. Krzywda, whose parish brings the church to the people in a wide open country. He is an earnest, intense worker, who has been known to offer his first Mass on Sunday at Three Rivers, and his second at Clinton.

John W. Donohue, Architect

St. Ann's Church, Fairview.
Rev. Leon T. Ruty, Pastor.



Main Altar, St. Ann's Church, West Springfield
Rev. Ermino Lona, C.S.F., Pastor.

ALTAR IS GIFT OF PETER FOSSA AND FAMILY

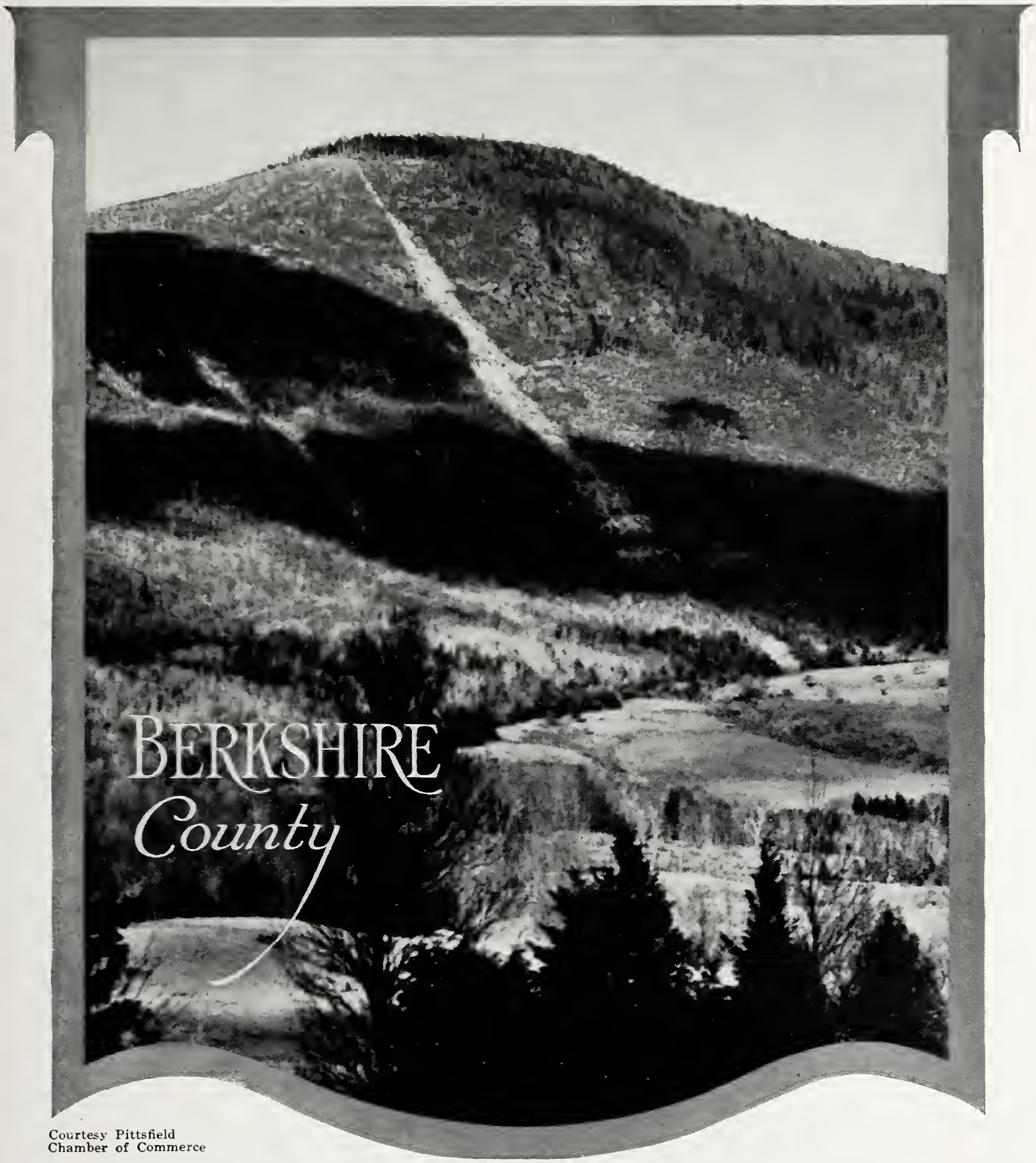
Reverend Patrick Cuddihy

IN MEMORIAM

Reverend Patrick Cuddihy

"Missionary of the Berkshires"

where he ministered to twenty-two towns, from Westfield to New York state line, and erected churches in many of them; co-worker with Daniel O'Connell for repeal, fearless champion of Catholic truth in Know-nothing days, sixty-two years a priest, forty years pastor of St. Mary's, in Milford, where he died in his ninetieth year, after serving under four popes and four American bishops.



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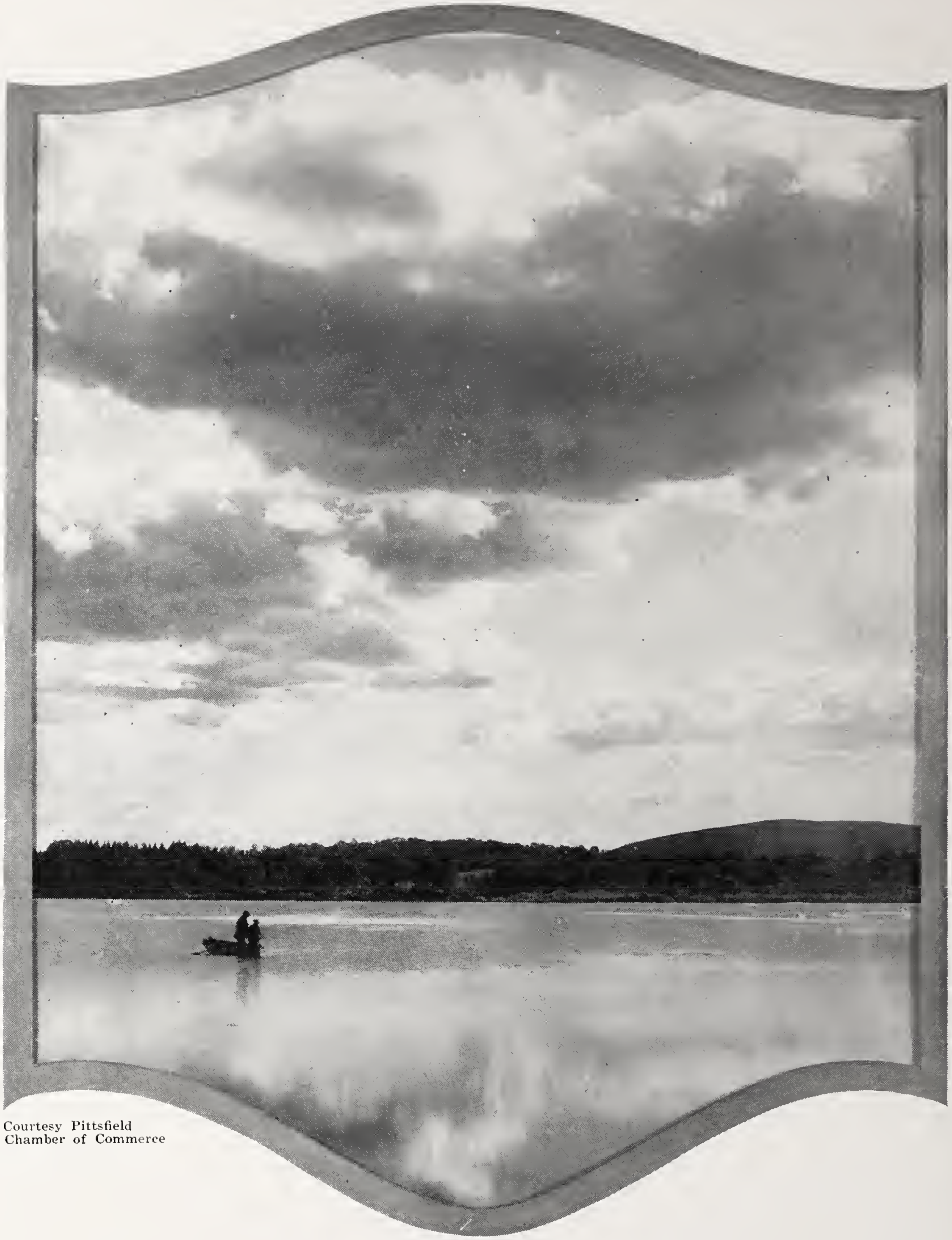
VIEW OF MOUNT GREYLOCK, BERKSHIRE COUNTY
Located near Greylock Rest, popular vacation and rest resort conducted by the Sisters of Providence, at Adams.

SECTION IV



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Onota Lake, Pittsfield

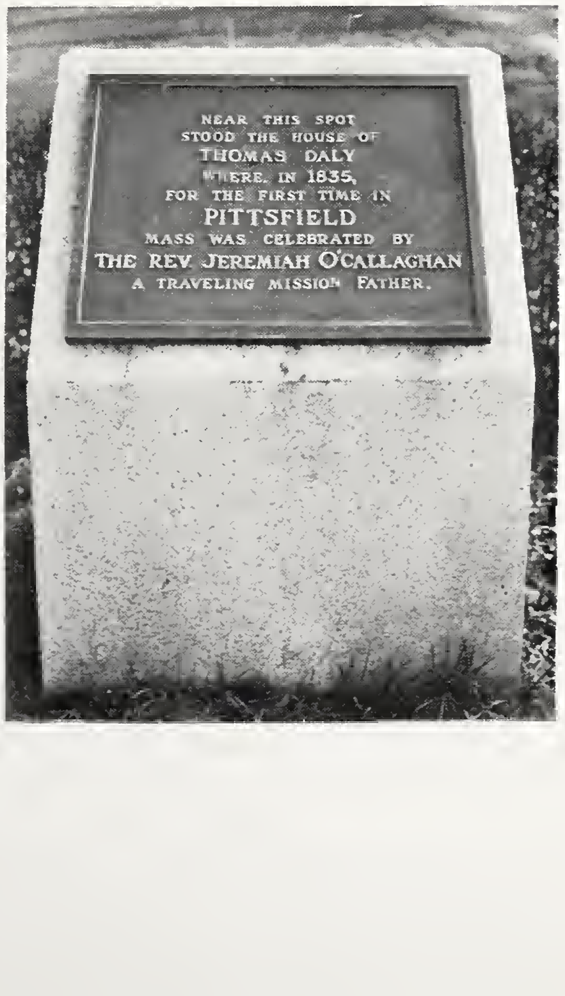
A View of the Berkshire Hills
Showing Stony Ledge, Hopper Trail and Prospect Point.

Chronicle of Pittsfield, North Adams and Berkshire County

Naturally, it never occurred to the scattered flocks of the Berkshires or elsewhere that, in seventy-five or one hundred years, anyone would be interested in their efforts to hand down the faith of their fathers to their children. Consequently it is often difficult to determine when the first Mass was said in what are now thriving parishes. Father Fitton, as early as 1832, records that he had said Mass as far west as Great Barrington. That restless spirit who was Rev. Jeremiah O'Callaghan, of Bennington, Vt., said Mass in Pittsfield as early as 1835, and in North Adams as early as 1840. It is evident that, as soon as Catholics appeared in any numbers, zealous priests followed them to minister to their spiritual needs.

The early Masses were said in private homes, in public halls, where these were available, and at times in open fields. Oftentimes, when Catholics determined to have a permanent house of worship, they had to disguise their purpose in order not to defeat it. They were not wanted, and were told so in plain words and plainer actions. Yet this proscriptive spirit was not unanimous. The Catholics of Berkshire will always hold in grateful remembrance the Lanes, the Plunketts, the Sedgwicks, the Cranes, the Eatons, and others who gave sympathy, land and money to aid the struggling Church, and the tradition has lived in their descendants.

The missionary days of Berkshire, which antedate the first permanent parish by twenty years and more, have left three glorious names which stand out as synonymous with priestly self-sacrifice: Father John D. Brady, who, from his parish in Cabotville (Chicopee), penetrated the remotest Berkshires; Father Bernard O'Cavanaugh, his assistant, who became the first pastor of St. Joseph's in Pittsfield, in 1849; and Father Patrick Cuddihy,

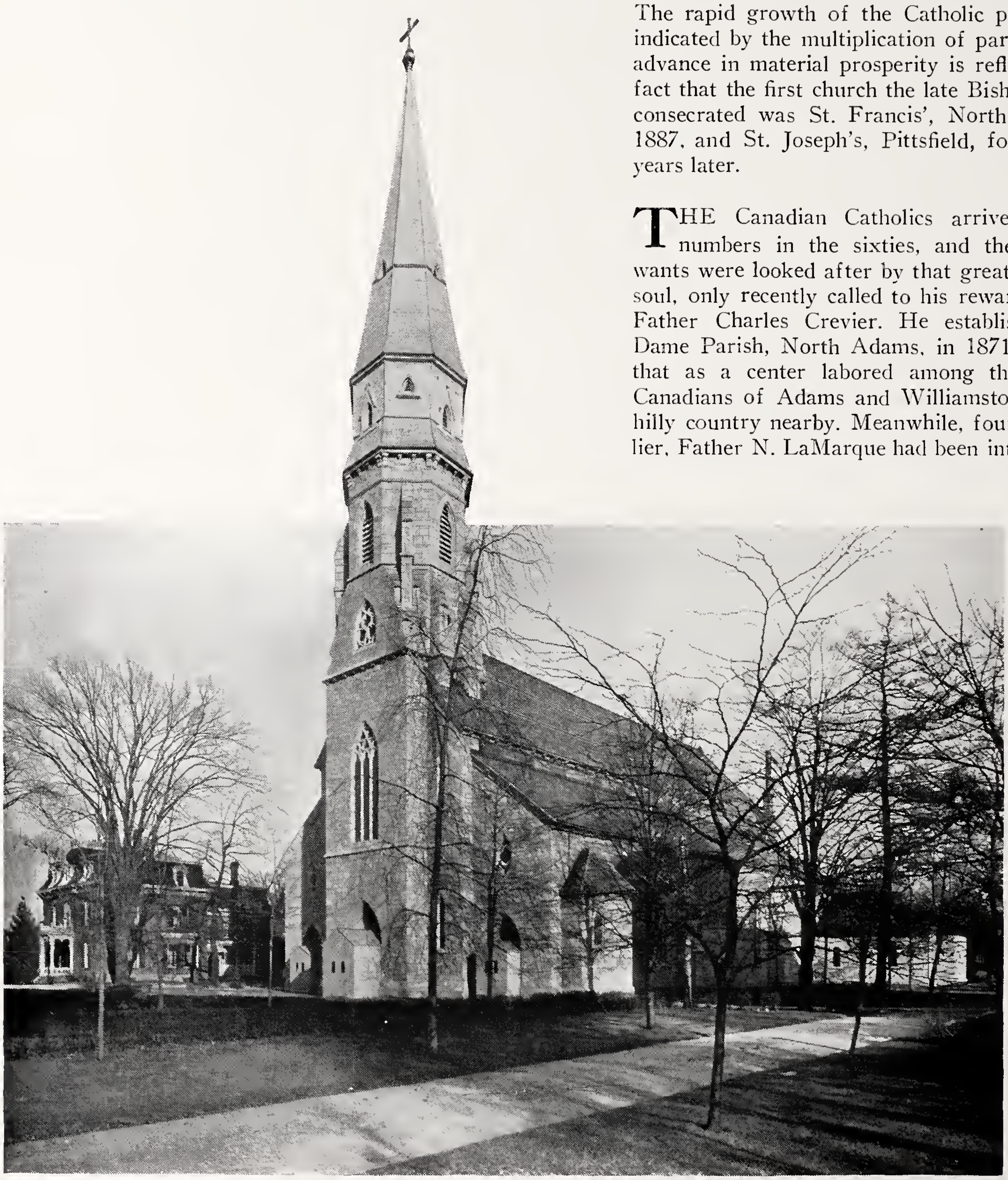


Memorial commemorating the spot where the first Mass was celebrated in Pittsfield, near the Gamwell home, on High Street.

who soon succeeded Father O'Cavanaugh at St. Joseph's. In the days when travel was difficult and mountains trackless, these intrepid artisans of Catholicism were veritable pathfinders of Christ, and said a first Mass in the forties and fifties in practically every Berkshire parish which now has a resident pastor. They had so much ground to cover that once a month, or even once in two or three months, was the best they could do for the remoter districts, but they did it. With Father Cuddihy began the active building of churches, a movement which has dotted our western county with lovely parish homes of our Eucharistic King, and which gave him the title "Missionary of the Berkshires."

St. Joseph's, Pittsfield, became a parish in 1849. At first, its priests cared for the entire county. In 1863, however, St. Francis', North Adams, was assigned to Father Charles Lynch, who thenceforth looked after northern Berkshire. The rapid growth of the Catholic population is indicated by the multiplication of parishes. Their advance in material prosperity is reflected in the fact that the first church the late Bishop O'Reilly consecrated was St. Francis', North Adams, in 1887, and St. Joseph's, Pittsfield, followed, two years later.

THE Canadian Catholics arrived in large numbers in the sixties, and their spiritual wants were looked after by that great missionary soul, only recently called to his reward—the late Father Charles Crevier. He established Notre Dame Parish, North Adams, in 1871, and from that as a center labored among the scattered Canadians of Adams and Williamstown and the hilly country nearby. Meanwhile, four years earlier, Father N. LaMarque had been intrusted with



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St. Joseph's Rectory and Church, Pittsfield
Rt. Rev. Msgr. Bernard S. Conaty, V.G., P.A., P.R., Pastor.

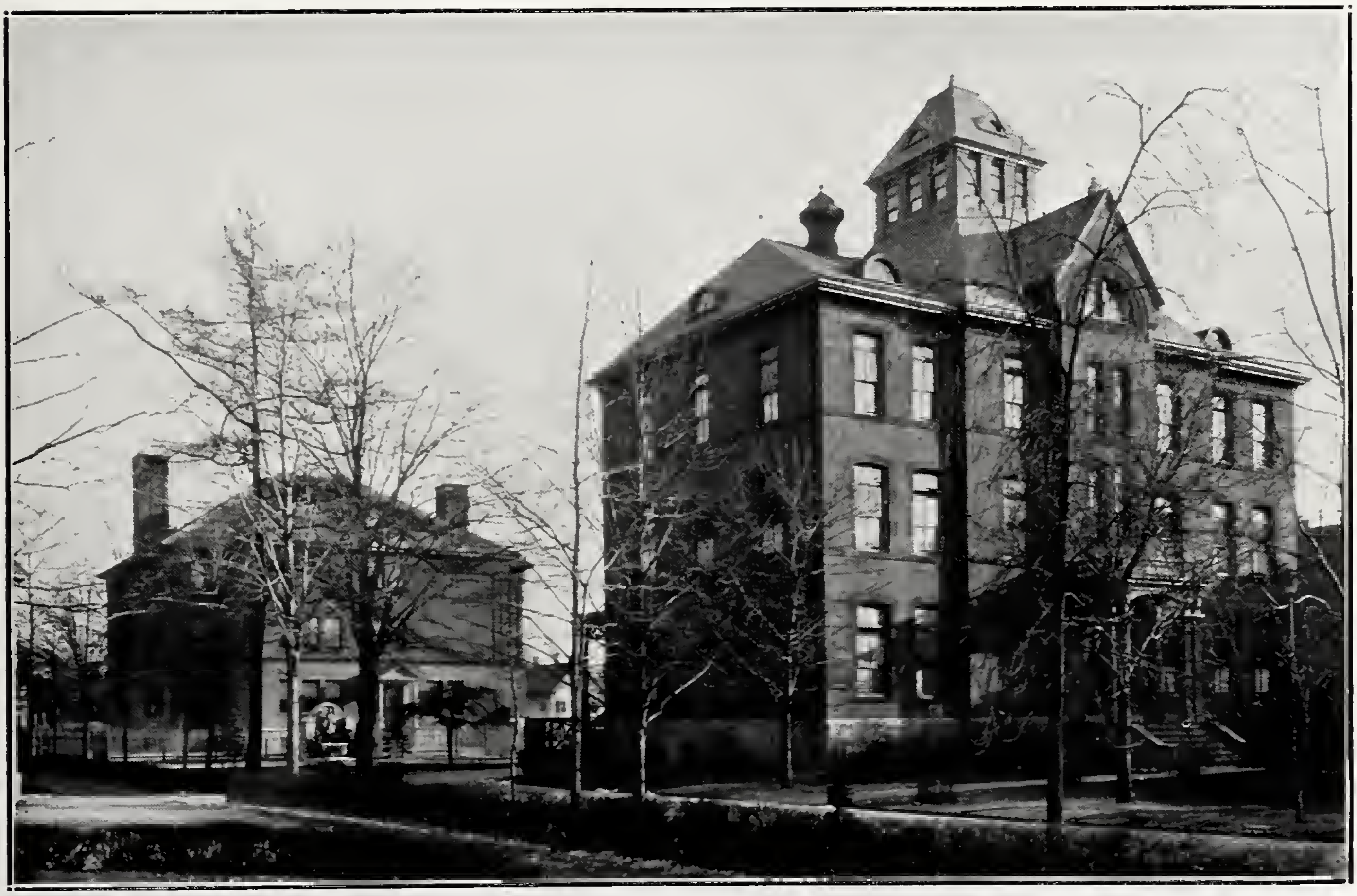
the care of the Canadian Catholics of Pittsfield, in a parish whose title was Our Lady of Good Counsel.

DIVISIONS of St. Joseph's followed as soon as priests were available. Father Peter Eagan founded St. Mary's at Lee, in 1856; Father Peter Minietti, St. Peter's at Great Barrington, in 1864; Father A. Romano, St. Patrick's at Hinsdale, in 1868; Father John J. O'Laughran, St. Patrick's at West Stockbridge, in 1871. More recent years have witnessed the missions of these parishes becoming independent parishes: in 1891, St. Ann's of Lenox was severed from the mother parish at Lee and Father William Dower became the first pastor. In 1897, the late Rev. Charles Boylan became first pastor of St. Charles' Church, Pittsfield. In 1899, the present Rt. Rev. Msgr. John F. Fagan received St. Bridget's of Housatonic, as his first pastorate.

Meantime, divisions and new parishes were following each other rapidly in northern Berkshire. In 1875, Father E. P. McCort became the first resident pastor of St. Thomas', Adams. In 1887, Rev. Edmund Casey, who has celebrated his golden jubilee in the priesthood, was assigned to found St. Patrick's Parish in Williamstown. 1882 saw Father J. B. Charbonneau establishing an independent Canadian congregation at Adams, and 1891 witnessed the birth of St. Raphael's, in Williamstown, with Father A. E. Langevin in charge.

IT WOULD be an interesting task, were it not so forbidding an undertaking, to compute how many hundred per cent the Catholics of Berkshire have increased since those early Masses in private homes. It is more gratifying to compute the wonderful strides they have made, in the respect and admiration and affection of their non-Catholic neighbors, who at first looked askance at their every sign of growth in numbers or influence.

The humble houses of worship erected by the struggling pioneers served their purpose and went the way of all things human. Nobler homes for divine worship have replaced them, but it is no reflection on the fervor of present day Catholics to say that they owe an undying debt of gratitude to those who traveled from Williamstown to Albany, to receive the Sacraments, and considered a twenty-five or even a fifty mile walk well recompensed by the privilege of assisting at Holy Mass. They believed that "the Mass is what counts," and trudged endless miles of rugged mountain roads to prove their belief sincere.



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ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL AND CONVENT, PITTSFIELD
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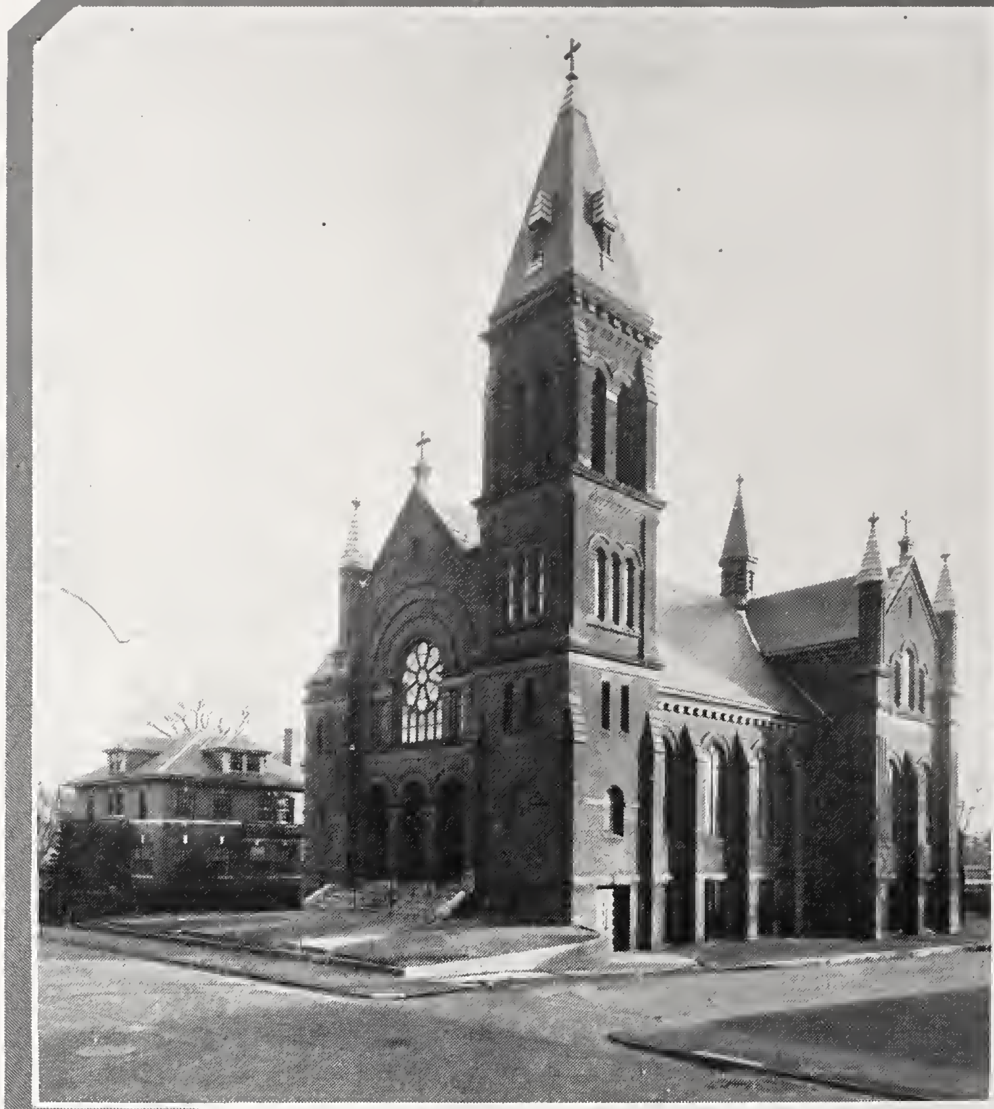

Notre Dame Rectory and Church, Pittsfield
Rev. L. J. Achim, Pastor.

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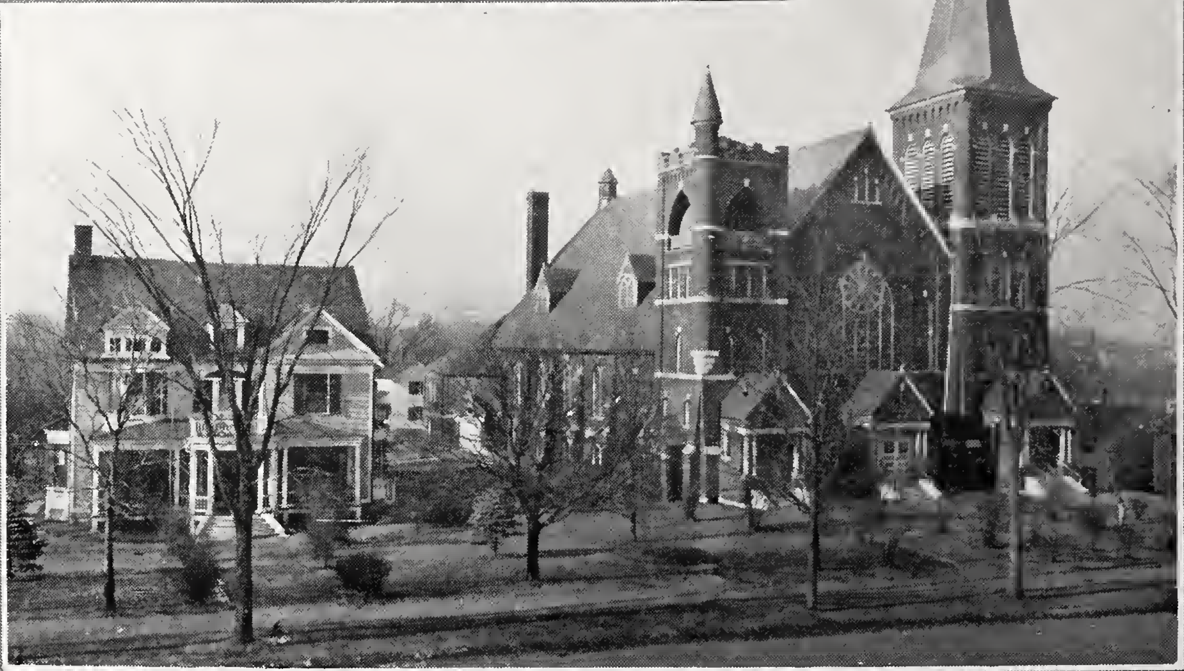

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St. Charles' Rectory and Church, Pittsfield
Rev. James P. Moore, Pastor.

John W. Donohue, Architect

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL CHURCH, PITTSFIELD
Rev. Charles Zanotti, C.S.F., Pastor.

Down to our own day, new parishes have sprung up in the Berkshires, especially in Pittsfield, where St. Joseph's, in an effort to bring the Church to the people, has given her maternal blessing to St. Mark's, St. Mary the Morning Star, Sacred Heart, and St. Teresa's, as well as Mount Carmel, for the Italians, and Holy Family, for the Polish people, as they began independent parochial life. The old mother parish seems to suffer no diminution, as she thus adds to her daughter parishes. St. Agnes, of Dalton, flourishing mission of St. Patrick's, Hinsdale, began parish existence early in our century, in 1907. The foundation of a new parish at Lenoxdale, with South Lee for a mission, furthered the cause of souls in southern Berkshire, as did also the new parish of St. Joseph in Stockbridge.

In our day, northern Berkshire has added one English speaking and one French speaking congregation to our growing family of parishes in the setting off of St. Mary's, of Cheshire, from St. Thomas', of Adams, and Holy Family, of Greylock, from St. Raphael's, of Williamstown. Earlier, St. Peter's, of Great Barrington, too, lost its mission when Our Lady of the Valley, in Sheffield, became an independent parish in 1901.

DID space permit, we would gladly pay merited tribute to the Purcells, the Smiths, the Lynchs, the Cronins, the Morans, the Crevi-

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, Pittsfield. Rev. Charles Zanotti, C.S.F., Pastor.

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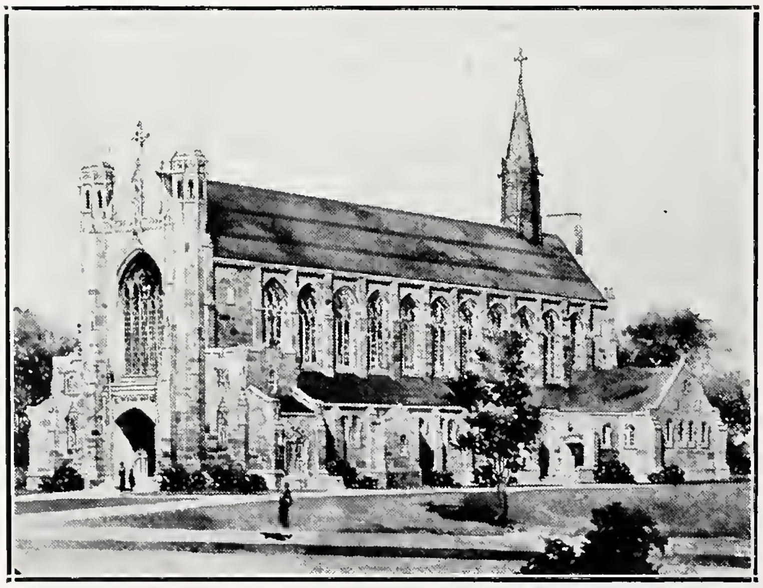
STOCKBRIDGE BOWL, FROM SHADOWBROOK, LENOX

ers, the Lamarques, the Charbonneaus and others, all good priests and true, who were the spiritual hewers of wood and drawers of water in the trying days when Catholicism in Berkshire was struggling for its present place in the sun. These pioneer priests builded, perhaps, better than they knew, but not better than we know. They feared God alone, were men of vision and dared to follow it, covered the Berkshires with church and school as monuments more durable than brass, and laid broad and deep the foundations of a Faith that conquers the modern, as it conquered the ancient world.

Berkshire might justify the title of the county of long pastorates. The kindly Rev. Edward Purcell presided over St. Joseph's at Pittsfield for nearly thirty-five years. The two pastorates of Fathers Charles Lynch and Charles Burke at St. Francis, North Adams, covered a span of nearly half a century. The sturdy, rugged Rev. Denis Moran, builder of St. Thomas' Church at Adams, approached a quarter of a century in that parochial charge. That quiet, scholarly soul, Rev. Daniel Cronin, passed nearly forty years in Hinsdale and Dalton, while Rev. James Maher had passed a score of years in the Stockbridges when the last call ended his loving service to a grateful people.

Their present successors are building on their foundations, and are proving themselves worthy of a noble heritage. The dean of the Berkshire clergy is the venerable, saintly and beloved vicar general of our diocese, Rt. Rev. Msgr. Bernard S. Conaty, pastor of St. Joseph's, Pittsfield. Under his inspiring leadership St. Joseph's has flourished in spite of founding numerous new



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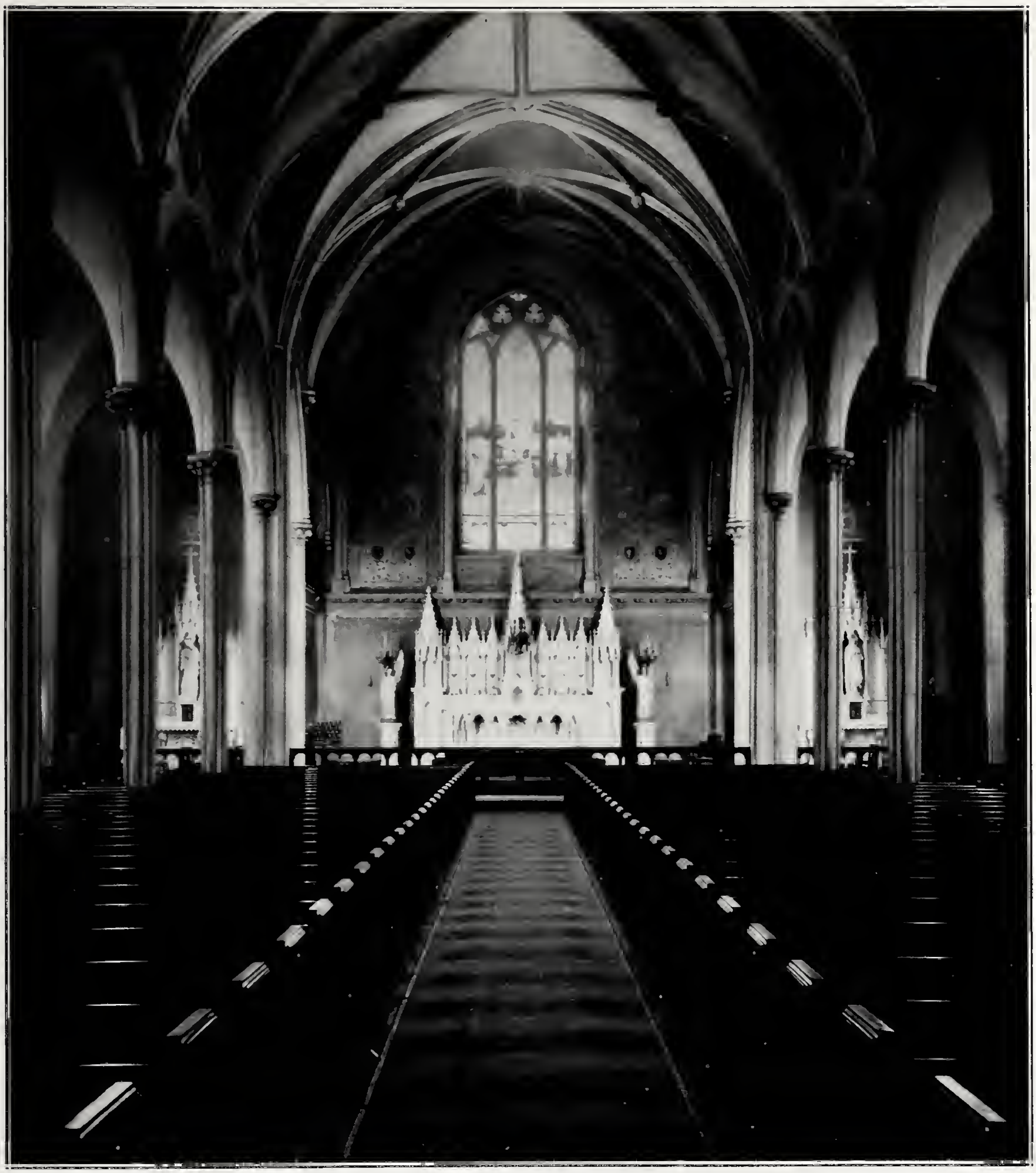
Proposed new St. Mark's Church, Pittsfield. Rev. M. J. Leonard, Pastor.



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St. Francis' Church, North Adams

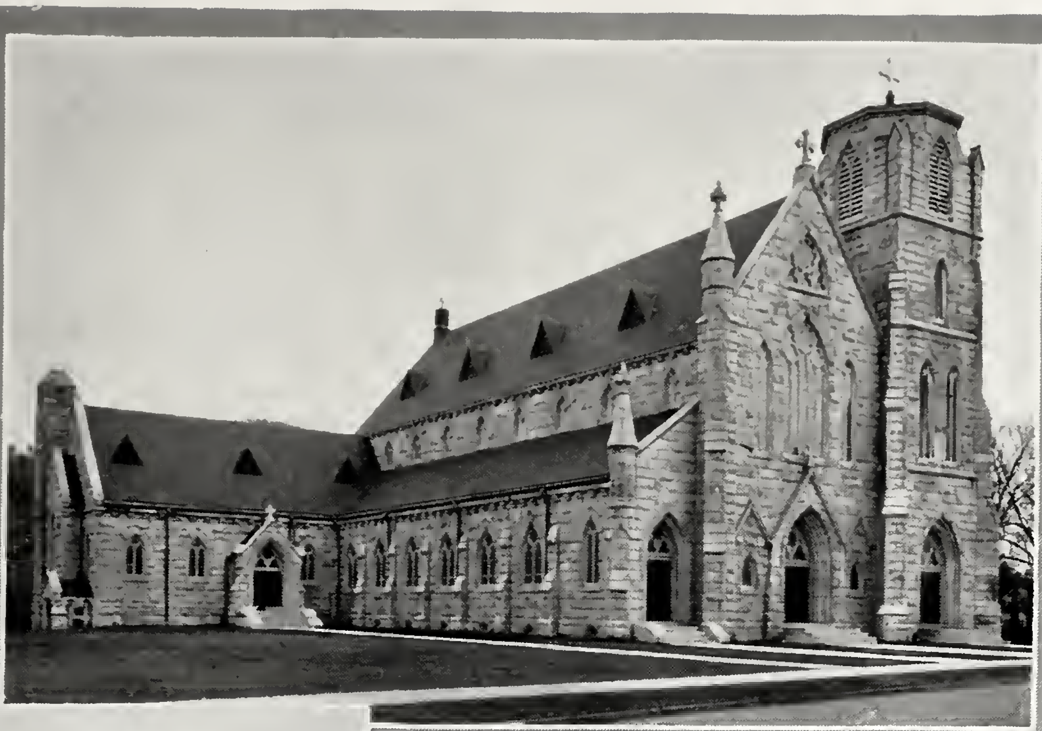
Rev. E. P. Dunphy, D.D., P.R., Pastor.

James Murphy, Architect

NOTRE DAME CHURCH, NORTH ADAMS
Rev. C. H. Jeannotte, Pastor.

parishes. Her schools have become a synonym for excellence and success, and are demanding far more spacious quarters. Plans for a large central high school are well under way. Her sodalities, her societies, her annual communions, mounting beyond the hundred and twenty-five thousand mark, all show that the pioneers of other days are living again in their illustrious successors.

ST. FRANCIS, of North Adams, mother of churches in northern Berkshire, is now in charge of Rev. Edward L. Dunphy, D.D., her third pastor in an existence of over sixty years. He is a quiet, energetic, able and far-sighted shepherd, who, after years of careful planning, has just dedicated a magnificent new parish school building to replace the veteran edifice opened by Rev. Charles Burke, a structure that had served Catholic education since 1886. Dr. Dunphy was a pioneer in the establishment of boys' camps. His camp at Hawley is the mecca of North Adams boys and girls each vacation, while he has renovated and beautified St. Francis itself into a practically new church property.



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ST. PETER'S CHURCH, GREAT BARRINGTON
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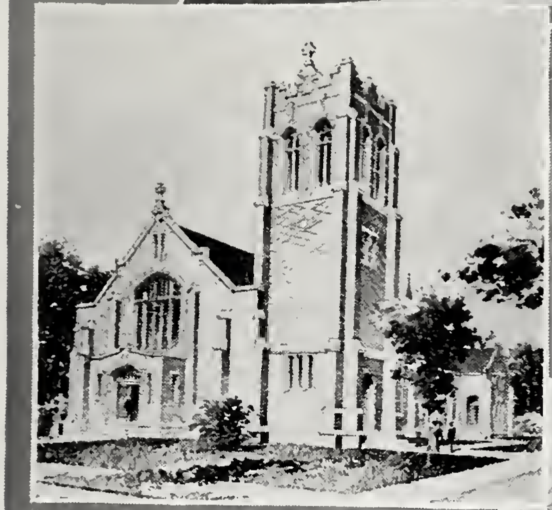

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CORPUS CHRISTI CHURCH,
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*Rev. Joseph T. McKeon,
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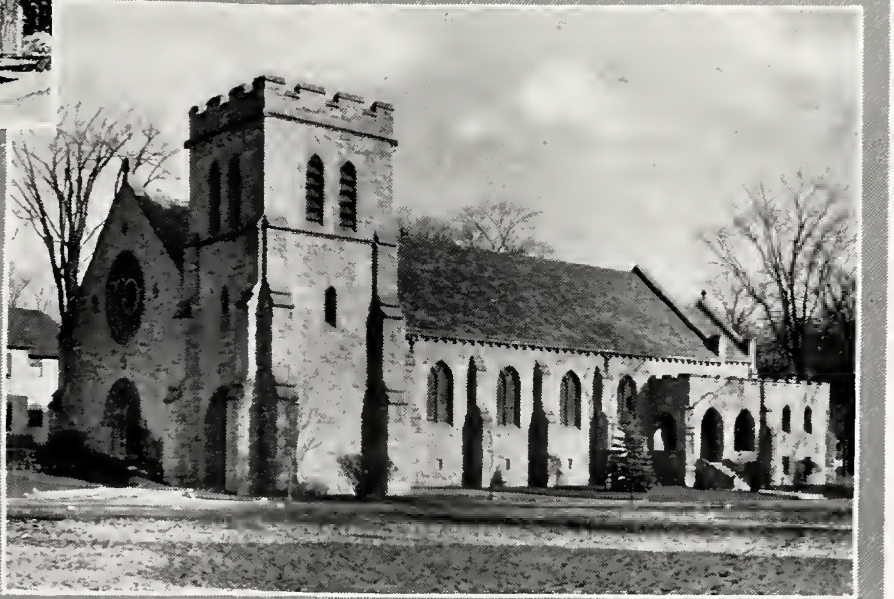


F. Burrall Hoffman, Architect

ST. ANN'S CHURCH, LENOX
Rev. F. J. Carroll, Administrator.

Courtesy Pittsfield Chamber of Commerce

LANDSCAPE VIEW IN CHESHIRE TOWNSHIP

REV. LEVI ACHIM, the present pastor of beautiful Notre Dame, in Pittsfield, has proven himself an able guide and a kindly leader of his people. Under him, they have won a position of prominence in the community, and are highly respected by all classes of Pittsfield citizens. This veteran French-speaking congregation has known the zealous service of a long line of pastors, but it was especially due to the efforts of our Monsignor Triganne that money was raised for the new church which Father A. L'Heureux built. Father Achim added a beautiful rectory, in harmony with the architecture of his church.

NOTRE DAME, North Adams, founded by Rev. Charles Crevier in 1871, has enjoyed, for nigh forty years, the able and scholarly direction of Rev. C. H. Jeannotte. He began his schools in the basement of his church in 1890 and opened the present imposing brick building in 1896. A teacher of experience himself, he has shown special interest in his parish schools, which have flourished during his regime. Every branch of parish work has profited by the guidance of a pious heart and a keen, alert mind.

ST. PETER'S, Great Barrington, is in charge of one of our veterans, thanks to whose financial ability and self-sacrificing labors she possesses a beautiful marble church, which easily ranks among the most sightly in our diocese. A hard, conscientious worker, blessed with length of years to see the fruits of his labors, Father Martin Murphy commands the respect of Catholic and non-Catholic alike, as a result of thirty-five years of unremitting labor for the souls of one parish. Today, he cares for only one parish, but in his earlier years he knew the long missionary drives to Sheffield and Housatonic.

IN 1899, Housatonic, which had been a mission of Great Barrington, began its existence as a parish, under Rev. John F. Fagan, now Monsignor Fagan, of Holyoke. He pays unstinted tribute to the zeal of Fathers John and Martin Murphy, brothers, and successive pastors of Great Barrington, who had already established Sunday Mass, Vespers and Sunday School in their mission church. Father Fagan organized flourishing societies, did much to promote the

St. Charles' School, Pittsfield.
Rev. James P. Moore, Pastor.
Sisters of St. Joseph in charge.

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH AND RECTORY, PITTSFIELD
Rev. Valentine Teclaw, Pastor.

spread of Catholic literature, and made St. Bridget's a splendid rural parish. He erected a beautiful brick church to replace the pretty mission chapel built by Rev. John Murphy. The original church was purchased by the Polish congregation. The present pastor is Rev. Joseph T. McKeon, under whom the material and spiritual interests of the people are scrupulously safeguarded.

DURING Father Fagan's pastorate, the Polish speaking people multiplied so rapidly that permission was given in 1913 to form an independent parish of All Saints, Housatonic.

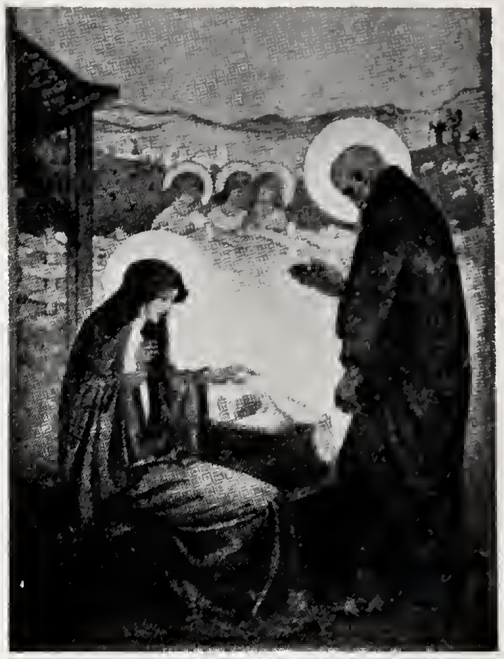
Father Theodore Suk was fortunate in obtaining the original church of the mother parish, which he enlarged and renovated to meet the needs of his people, and it still remains the parish church, under the new title, All Saints. A suitable rectory was purchased and Father Kempinski, by extensive repairs, which included a stucco finish, transformed it into an attractive home for the parish clergy. During his stay of five years, Father Kempinski, now of Adams, did excellent work

Interior View, Holy Family Church, Pittsfield. Rev. Valentine Teclaw, Pastor.

for the material and spiritual upbuilding of his parish. The present pastor, Rev. Joseph Lekston, has already beautified the interior of the church as an auspicious opening of his pastorate.

ST. MARY'S, of Lee, is not merely one of the first parishes founded in Berkshire, as it dates its origin back to 1856, but also the first in southern Berkshire to establish parish schools, which it did during the pastorate of Rev. Terence Smith. It is at present in charge of Rev. James P. Kirby, a graduate of St. Sulpice, in Paris, and a fluent French speaker. He succeeded good Father Edward Murphy, who finished his earthly labors last year. Father Kirby's splendid ability and kindly nature, which have hitherto manifested themselves in promoting harmony in parishes of many racial groups, will find a more congenial field of labor in his new pastorate, which has a Catholic tradition nigh unto three quarters of a century old. The present Lee church was built in 1856, by Rev. Father Cuddihy, and a long line of zealous pastors, including Fathers John Murphy, J. M. Prendergast, William B. Fallon, P. J. Griffin and Edmund Murphy, have made this a center of Catholic faith and education in southern Berkshires.

ST. PATRICK'S, of Hinsdale, was erected in 1852 by the industrious Father Cuddihy, of Pittsfield, and began parochial life in 1868. Rev. Daniel F. Cronin spent upwards of a quarter of a century in Hinsdale, and was a power in both religious and civil circles. Though business conditions have been far from promising, Fathers James O'Malley, Stephen Hallissey, William Nugent, and Francis Swift all kept the parish property in good repair, and parish devotions flourishing. It is at present in charge of Rev. Patrick Dowd, D.D., and, though industrial conditions are still far from flourishing, spiritual conditions and the work of saving souls are certain to thrive under a pastor at once scholarly, eloquent and zealous. He also has charge of the pretty mission church of St. Matthew's, at Becket, built during the pastorate of Rev. James O'Malley.



MURAL DECORATION BY TACK
Sanctuary, St. Agnes' Church, Dalton,
Rev. P. H. Gallen, LL.D., Pastor.

ST. PATRICK'S, West Stockbridge, formerly a mission of Lee, first saw the light of day as a parish way back in 1871, under Rev. John J. O'Laughran, and has always been characterized by fervent faith. Its subsequent development was under the able leadership of Monsignor Madden, our late Vicar General, Father James Maher and Father James Hanrahan. Its children are now scattered far and wide, but the parish and the neat parish property are being kept in good material condition while the care of souls is thriving under Rev. Jeremiah Sullivan. Father Sullivan has com-

James Murphy, Architect

St. Thomas' Church, Adams.
Rev. John J. Brodrick, Pastor.

pleted a quarter of a century of fruitful work in the priesthood.

ST. JOSEPH'S, of Stockbridge, formerly a mission of St. Patrick's, was made an independent parish in 1922 by Bishop O'Leary, who appointed Rev. Patrick T. O'Connor as its first pastor. Its lovely stone church was constructed largely through the aid of the noted convert, Jane Sedgwick. Father O'Connor has developed a splendid parish spirit, which responds generously to every appeal, be it material or spiritual. A man who combines eloquence and zeal, he has molded his people into an enthusiastic parish group. The last pastor of both the Stockbridges was Rev. James Hanrahan, who cleared them of debt before his promotion to Worcester.

NOTRE DAME Parish, of Adams, severed its relations with the mother parish of North Adams, in 1882, and Rev. John B. Charbonneau became its first resident pastor. He obtained the beautiful site of the present parish plant, perhaps the most striking location in Adams, erected the present lovely Romanesque church, and added a well-appointed rectory. His successor, Father Triganne, made a remarkable record in liquidating the debt, and, in 1899, remodelled Father Crevier's mission chapel into a school. When Father H. Hamelin retired, the present pastor, Rev. Joseph T. Smith, became head of Notre Dame's flock, and has just completed a new addition to the parish school building, which has been used for educational purposes since 1899. The addition includes a large auditorium, as well as additional class rooms.

ST. THOMAS', of Adams, which boasts over half a century of unbroken parish life, is at present in charge of Rev. John J. Brodrick, a silver jubilarian in the priesthood. He falls heir to a parish which knew the skilled financial guidance, experience and spiritual direction of Fathers McCort, Moran, McLaughlin and O'Connor. The striking Gothic church was the crowning labor of Father Denis Moran's long pastorate. In his first incumbency, Father Brodrick has handled a difficult financial problem masterfully, has beautified the parish property, especially the rectory, and has, by his eloquence and zeal, won anew the hearts of the people, whom he previously served as assistant to the late Father Thomas O'Connor.

BISHOP O'LEARY established a new parish in 1926, that of St. Mary's, at Cheshire, formerly a mission of Adams. The church at Cheshire was dedicated as far back as 1879, but only recently did the increase in Catholic population justify the establishment of a new parochial unit. The first pastor is Rev. Patrick J. Madden, who has already purchased and furnished a parish rectory, renovated the church and established flourishing devotions. Father Madden has completed a quarter of a century in the priesthood. A tireless worker and a forceful orator, he cares for a mission at Berkshire in addition to his home parish.

THE youngest parish in Adams is St. Stanislaus, founded in 1902. It boasts a spacious and sightly church edifice, and a school which accommodates upwards of seven hundred children. Father Edmund Kempinski, its present pastor, is a pious, indefatigable worker, who teaches alike by word and example. He inherits a thriving parish from the late Father Kolodziej, head of this energetic parish for nearly two decades. Succeeding the founder of the parish, Rev. M. Kopytkiewicz, the late Father Kolodziej built a combination school and convent, and added a new rectory to the St. Stanislaus buildings.

*St. Stanislaus' Church, Adams.
Rev. Edmund M. Kempinski, Pastor.*

Riley and Steinbeck, Architects

ST. PATRICK'S, of Williamstown, with its mission at Blackinton, has enjoyed over forty years of parish life in Berkshire's college town since its creation as a parish, in 1887. Its present fine church was built by the late Rev. John Fallon, while the admirable condition of this parish, materially and spiritually, is the fruit of excellent results achieved by Father J. C. Ivers, Msgr. W. E Foley, and Fr. Teahan.

Rev. J. F. X. Teahan, its late pastor, was at the helm for two decades. Clear and convincing as an instructor, Father Teahan had an established reputation for zeal and personal piety, which he had a special faculty of imparting to his people. Death claimed him in November, 1930, and St. Patrick's is now administered by Father John F. Scanlon.

St. Joseph's Church, Stockbridge
Rev. Patrick T. O'Connor, Pastor.

WILLIAMSTOWN, since 1891, has had two parishes, for in that year Father Langevin became pastor of St. Raphael's, to care for the French speaking Catholics, who had previously constituted a mission of North Adams.

Father A. E. Langevin remained only a few weeks, and then St. Raphael's returned to the care of North Adams until 1893, when Father J. E. Marcoux became its resident pastor. Its church was erected in 1888 by Father Leduc, of North Adams. St. Raphael's, which has never grown in population, has had a long line of energetic pastors, who cared for the growing mission of Greylock until 1919. Fathers Marcoux, Beaudoin, Baret, L'Heureux, Gobeille, Rodier, Simard, Kirby and Potvin have all merited promotion for excellent work at St. Raphael's, and within a year the genial Rev. Paul Roy died in charge of this parish. His successor is Rev. A. S. Tessier, who has already modernized the rectory by extensive renovations.

Courtesy Berkshire Hills Conference

View of Monument Mountain, located on the Stockbridge-Great Barrington Road.

REV. JAMES P. MOORE is pastor of St. Charles, in Pittsfield, and has a complete parish plant. The founder of this parish, in 1893, and builder of St. Charles, was Rev. Charles Boylan, whose successors were Fathers G. H. Dolan, W. H. Goggin, and W. J. Dower, who opened the parish school. Father Moore, before going to Pittsfield, was head of our diocesan missionary band, which attained a success almost unparalleled among such organizations. He brings to his parochial duties in Pittsfield the ripe experience of a quarter of a century spent in mission work, plus the conduct of a parish which he placed upon a strong financial basis, at the same time. Father Moore is earnest, eloquent and able. He endeared himself to his flock in Auburn, especially by devoted service during the "flu" epidemic, and is at present doing much to relieve the evils of unemployment among the parishioners of St. Charles.

THE first pastor of Sheffield, established in 1901, was Rev. Thomas Fitzgerald, who died there. The present pastor of Our Lady of the Valley, at Sheffield, Rev. Michael C. Carey, also enjoys the thrill of mission life, as he cares for Mill River, where the omnipresent Father Brady said the first Mass in 1841, and Rev. John H. Murphy built the Immaculate Conception mission church in 1884. When the late Rev. James Hurley, successor to the first pastor of Sheffield, was on his way to this, his first pastorate, he heard that the church had burned. He rebuilt at once, but the mortgage resulting was so heavy that his successor, Rev. Owen McGee, toured the diocese to raise funds for its liquidation. His success made Our Lady of the Valley financially independent, and enabled his successors, Fathers Philip Lee, Patrick Manion, and Daniel Lucey, to devote their efforts to the spiritual good of their people. A third church has recently been intrusted to Father Carey in Pine Acres, Monterey, through the generous initiative of Mr. Somers and a group of New York summer residents.

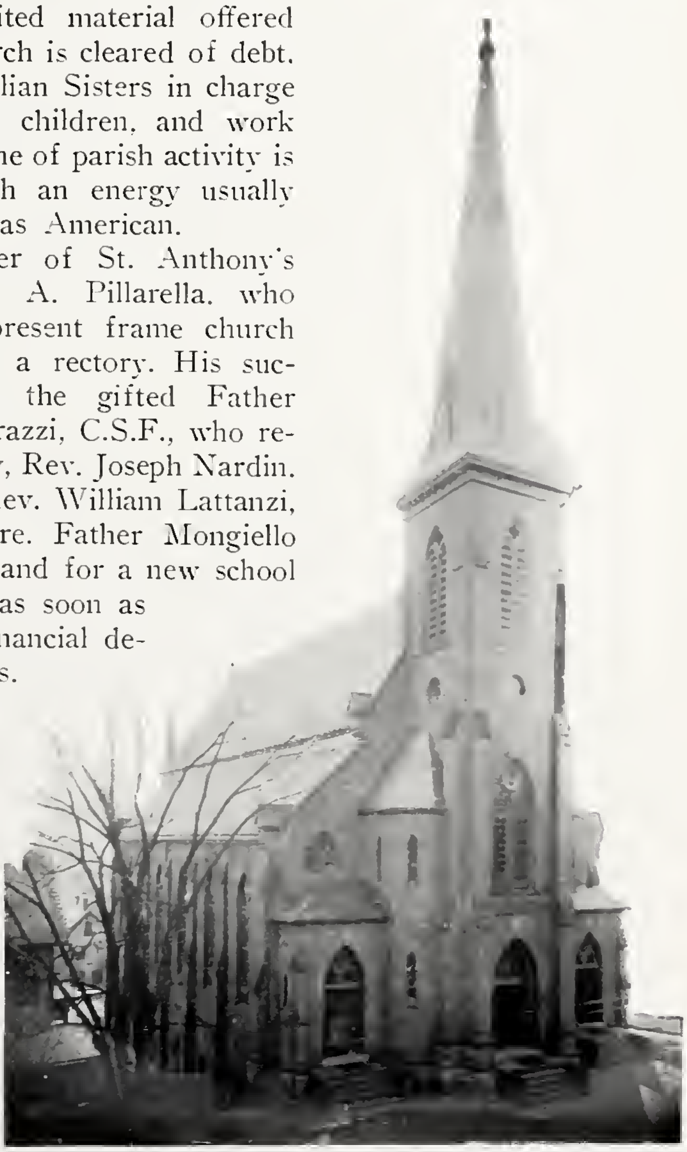
ST. AGNES' Parish, Dalton, which has outstripped its mother parish of Hinsdale in material prosperity, is blessed with a beautiful site in a prosperous town, and "good neighbors," for nowhere have friendly relations of Catholic and non-Catholic been more permanent than here, thanks to the liberal and liberalizing influence of the Crane family. The graceful frame church on Dalton's Main Street was built by Father D. F. Cronin, in 1880, while St. Agnes was a mission of Hinsdale. Later, in 1907, it became Fr. Cronin's parish church. Both Father Cronin and his successor, Rev. John O'Keefe, closed their lifework at Dalton. The present pastor, Rev. P. H. Gallen, LL.D., one of our golden jubilarians in the priesthood, is a man of scholarly attainments, refined tastes and gentle speech, who makes friends easily both within and without his own flock. He only recently renovated and redecorated the interior of St. Agnes—a lovely study in harmonious coloring by the noted artist, Augustus Vincent Tack.

ONE of the churches of our diocese which, by common consent, is a "gem of its kind," is St. Ann's, of Lenox, of which the late Father W. J. Dower was made the first pastor, in 1891, and Rev. Thomas B. Cunningham passed to his reward from this pastorate, during the past year. In its mission days it was attended from Pittsfield and later from Lee. The present striking stone church of St. Ann replaced the earlier mission structure during the long pastorate of the late Rev. Wm. F. Grace, who not only added much to the value of St. Ann's property, but served many years on the school committee and other public boards. Father Cunningham did much to beautify the parish property, remodeled an old parish house into a suitable rectory, and injected new life into parish organization. Especially interested in catechetical work, he was "instant in season and out of season" in instilling the truths of religion into the youth of the fold. St. Ann's is temporarily in charge of Rev. Francis J. Carroll, as administrator.

IN 1919, Rev. William J. Morin became first pastor of the Holy Family Parish, North Adams, a division of St. Raphael's, Williamstown. He found a fine mission chapel, erected by Father Simard, of St. Raphael's. His successor, the present pastor, Rev. P. H. Gauthier, added a flourishing parish school and hall to care for the education of his little ones. His energetic leadership has galvanized his parishioners into an enthusiastic unit in his support, while his knowledge of and his love for music has done much to enhance the beauty and attractiveness of his church services. The use of the convent and a $2000 gift came from Greylock Mills through C. T. Plunkett.

REV. N. MONGIELLO, the Italian pastor of St. Anthony of Padua Parish, North Adams, founded in 1910, has done wonders with the limited material offered him. His church is cleared of debt, he has six Italian Sisters in charge of his parish children, and work along every line of parish activity is going on with an energy usually characterized as American.

The founder of St. Anthony's was Rev. P. A. Pillarella, who erected the present frame church and procured a rectory. His successors were the gifted Father Alfred Balestrazzi, C.S.F., who returned to Italy, Rev. Joseph Nardin, C.S.F., and Rev. William Lattanzi, who died there. Father Mongiello has acquired land for a new school and convent, as soon as the present financial depression passes.



Notre Dame Church, North Adams. Rev. C. H. Jeannotte, Pastor.

P. W. Ford, Architect

IN 1910, the late Rev. John A. Fitzgerald became first pastor of St. Vincent de Paul Parish, Lenoxdale, hitherto a mission of Lee. The present pastor is Rev. James B. Donahue. He cares for his home parish, St. Vincent de Paul, and a mission church, St. Francis', South Lee. This work in the rugged weather of a Berkshire winter shows the fervor of a missionary soul. Father Donahue has a cozy frame church and rectory at Lenoxdale, and has been a stalwart worker in the promotion of parish activities.

John W. Donohue, Architect

Holy Family School, Greylock, North Adams
Rev. P. H. Gauthier, Pastor. Sisters of St. Ann in charge.

ST. MARK'S, of Pittsfield, established in 1913, still enjoys the capable, kindly leadership of its founder and first pastor, Rev. M. J. Leonard. Dear to his present parishioners, when he was curate of the mother parish of St. Joseph, Father Leonard has found an even warmer spot in their affections as the years have only added to the sympathetic ministrations which he has multiplied for a responsive people. Plans for a new parish church to replace the present frame structure have already been approved.

ST. MARY the Morning Star, at Morningside, in Pittsfield, separated from St. Joseph's in 1915, has just welcomed its present pastor, Father Matthew L. Boyne, fresh from the erection of a new church at Charlton, to replace one destroyed by fire. The first pastor of this parish, appointed in 1915, was Rev. J. A. Riordan, who left a generous financial surplus as a "nest egg" for a new church, after completing the handsome school, whose hall still serves for divine service. Father Riordan and Father James P. Curran, his successor, were skilled financial managers, and so St. Mary's faces the building of a new church with every assurance of being able to handle an ambitious financial project. Father Boyne's genial nature and easy affability assure the co-operation of his parishioners in his projects for their good, and his church-building experience at Charlton will stand him in good stead as he moves to the completion of Our Lady's group at Morningside.

PITTSFIELD'S youngest parishes, Sacred Heart and St. Teresa, which left St. Joseph's fold in 1919 and 1926, are in the capable hands of Rev. George W. Welsh and Rev. William J. Foran, respectively, as pastors. Both are using temporary buildings for church purposes, until such a time as their financial status shall justify the erection of more pretentious homes for our Eucharistic Lord, and both are leaving no financial stone unturned to hasten the coming of the new churches to which they and their parishioners turn longing eyes. Both Father Welsh and Father Foran have long records of successful achievement in priestly endeavor and their parishes, already flourishing spiritually, will soon overtake their older neighbors in material appointments. Plans for churches in both parishes are approaching completion.

O. E. Nault, Architect

Holy Family Church (Greylock), North Adams. Rev. P. H. Gauthier, Pastor.

Joseph Venne, Architect

NOTRE DAME CHURCH, ADAMS
Rev. Joseph T. Smith, Pastor.

THAT no part of the Master's sheepfold might be neglected, or overlooked, Pittsfield also has its Polish and Italian parishes—Holy Family, in charge of Father Teclaw and Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, in charge of Father Zanotti and the Stigmatini Fathers. Both have manfully undertaken heavy financial burdens that their people might receive the Bread of Life and the manna of doctrine and moral instruction, and are making commendable headway against every obstacle. Their English speaking neighbors have given them every encouragement and assistance.

Pittsfield's Polish parish of the Holy Family dates from 1912, when it was organized by Rev. B. Bojanowski, at present pastor of St. Mary's, in Worcester. His successor, Rev. Victor Zarek, served until the World War, when he enlisted as chaplain in the Polish army, and later fell a victim of wounds received in the performance of duty. Besides reverting for a time to the care of Father Kolodziej, of Adams, the parish was in charge of Fathers Malienewski, Sajek and Stanczyk. Father Stanczyk purchased an old car barn which he renovated and transformed into an acceptable house of divine worship. In 1929, the present pastor, Rev. Valentina S. Teclaw, arrived, and has done much to mould his people into a united and generous parochial group.

Thus, as Catholicism approaches the century mark in Berkshire, it can look back with pride to a story of uninterrupted, if not unimpeded, progress. It has won a place of respect and honor and is today furnishing an example of loyalty to God and country, in a county which admires its victories and appreciates its worth.

Notre Dame Parish Group, Adams—Rectory, Church, and Convent. Rev. Joseph T. Smith, Pastor. Sisters of Holy Cross in charge of School.

O. E. Nault, School Architect

Courtesy Pittsfield Chamber of Commerce

TRAILS THAT WIND THROUGH BERKSHIRE COUNTY

UPPER—*A beauty spot on the Berkshire Trail, one of New England's famed scenic highways.* LOWER—*View of the Deerfield Valley, from the famous Mohawk Trail, showing Hoosac Tunnel entrance of Boston & Maine Railroad in the distance.*

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THE GORGE AT CHESTERFIELD, HAMPSHIRE COUNTY

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GLIMPSE OF NORTHAMPTON, COUNTY SEAT OF HAMPSHIRE

UPPER—*View of Northampton from the Tower of St. Mary's Church.* LOWER—*The Heart of Northampton and the Gateway to the Berkshires, showing beginning of College Campus* (LEFT) *and St. Mary's Church and Rectory* (RIGHT).

The Parishes of Northampton and Hampshire County

CATHOLICISM in Hampshire County grew around the now flourishing city of Northampton. Of course, the indefatigable missionaries from Hartford and Chicopee were there in the early days, and later the priests from St. Jerome's, Holyoke, offered spiritual consolation to their northern neighbors. The first recorded Mass was said in a private house at Leeds, by Father Fitton, in 1834.

Hampshire, however, ceased to be a missionary sector with the establishment of St. Mary's, Northampton, as an independent parish, in 1866, with Rev. P. V. Moyce as pastor. He assumed responsibility for Catholics from Easthampton to the Hoosac Mountain. The first church, dedicated, in 1845, under the title of St. John the Baptist, gave way in the active pastorate of the learned Rev. M. E. Barry, to the present noble Gothic edifice, which stands facing Smith College, and in one of the most sightly spots of the city. Father Barry also erected the large brick rectory beside the church. On his death, he was succeeded, in 1889, by Rev. John Kenny, who proceeded at once to purchase land and building for a parish school. Before the close of his ministry in Northampton, which ended only with his death, he erected a superb school building, the first of its architectural type in Massachusetts, to which the present pastor, Rev. Thomas F. Cummings, D.D., P.R., has added a new high school, with a beautiful hall, recreation provisions, cafeteria, etc. Thus St. Mary's becomes an up-to-date school group, of which the high school is destined to become central for the neighboring parishes.

On the death of good Father Kenny, Dr. Cummings was promoted from the rectorship of the Cathedral, and under his benign leadership St. Mary's has progressed along every line of Catholic life. He has beautified grounds and buildings, multiplied sodalities and devotions, and endeared himself to his people by his assiduous attention to sick and needy. A forceful pulpit orator, a man of scholarly tastes and a wide reader, Dr. Cummings has stamped his personality on old St. Mary's, and instilled in his people new pride in the achievements of their faith.

THE first division of Northampton's Catholic fold was the organization of the Immaculate Conception congregation in Easthampton, under Father J. J. Toomey, in 1871. These good people had dedicated their first church in 1868, under Father P. V. Moyce, of Northampton. It was destroyed by fire and rebuilt in 1877 by Rev. Richard Donovan, second pastor. Rev. Richard F. Walshe became pastor in 1878, and remained until his death, nearly forty years later. Good Friday night, 1884, the lovely church, rebuilt by Father Donovan, was wiped out by a conflagration. Father Walshe came nobly to the aid of his people by touring the diocese for help. His tale of misfortune found a ready response, and he erected the present gem in Gothic, in which his people take such pride. He also built the parish rectory, and completed his useful career by opening a parish school. He was succeeded by the gentle and kindly Rev. Michael J. Ahern, who purchased a new convent for the teaching sisters, and did much to improve all the parish property. The present pastor is Rev. Patrick F. Doyle,

Cafeteria, St. Michael's School building, Northampton, showing primary grade tots ready for their daily milk ration. Sisters of St. Joseph in charge of School. Rev. Thomas F. Cummings, D.D., P.R., Pastor.

Ph.D., who succeeded the beloved Father Ahern two years ago. Father Doyle is also Vice-President of the College of Our Lady of The Elms, and has been school supervisor for over twenty years. Under him, transportation is provided the graduates of Immaculate Conception grammar school who wish to matriculate at St. Michael's High, Northampton.

THE year following the Easthampton foundation, in 1872, the parish of St. Bridget, Amherst, was set apart and Rev. Francis Drennan became its first organizer. The church had already been dedicated the year before, under that eminent church builder, Dr. Moyce. The longest pastorate was that of the gentle and generous Rev. John Gavin, who built the mission church at Hadley. Father John J. Bell succeeded Father Gavin. Under him English speaking and Polish parishes at Hadley were formed. Father John J. O'Malley gave the parish a new church and rectory, more in keeping with the requirements of a college town. It was noticeable what a number of gifts for the new church he received from non-Catholic well-wishers. The present pastor is Rev. Arthur E. Sheedy, who has a large mortgage indebtedness to handle, but with characteristic energy has already started a campaign for its liquidation, which cannot fail to produce results.

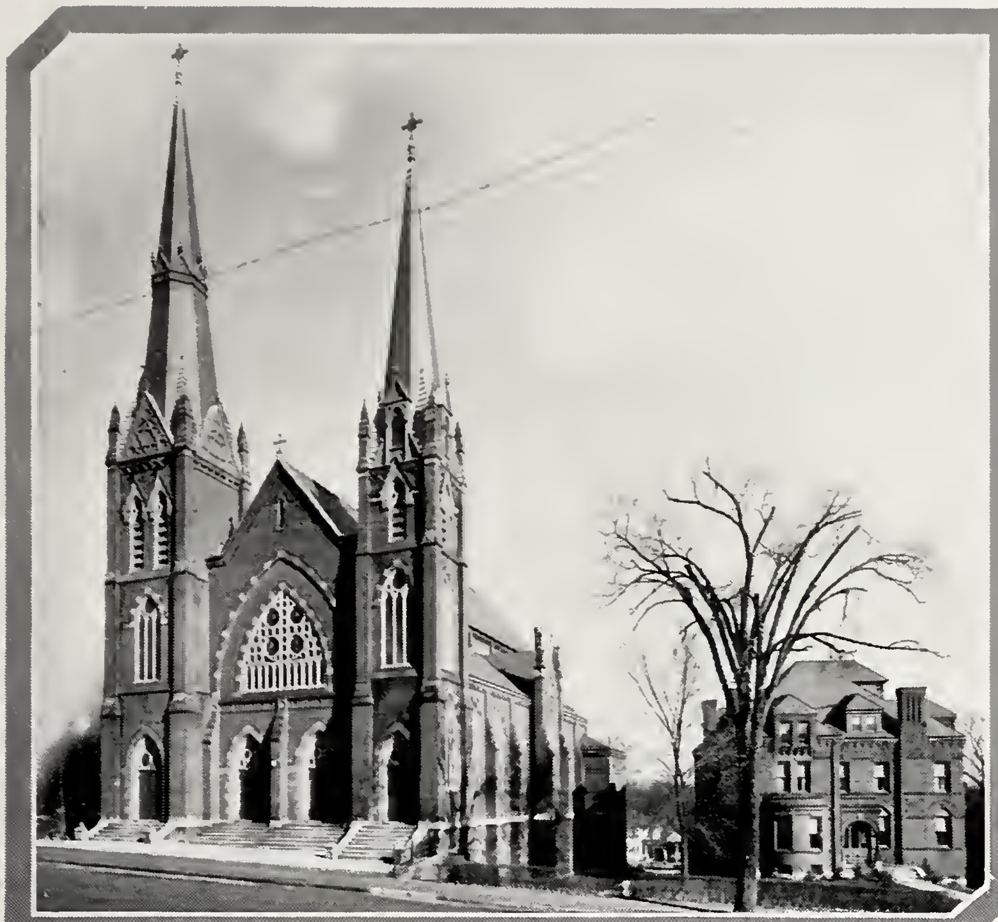
THE formation of the Annunciation Parish at Florence occurred in 1878. The first pastor was Rev. C. J. Foley. His successor, Rev. P. F. Callery, was the first pastor to die at Florence, and was lovingly buried in the churchyard. He built the present church which was dedicated in 1880. Fathers J. J. McMahon, P. H. Gallen and William Powers all added materially to the fervor and progress of the flourishing fold.

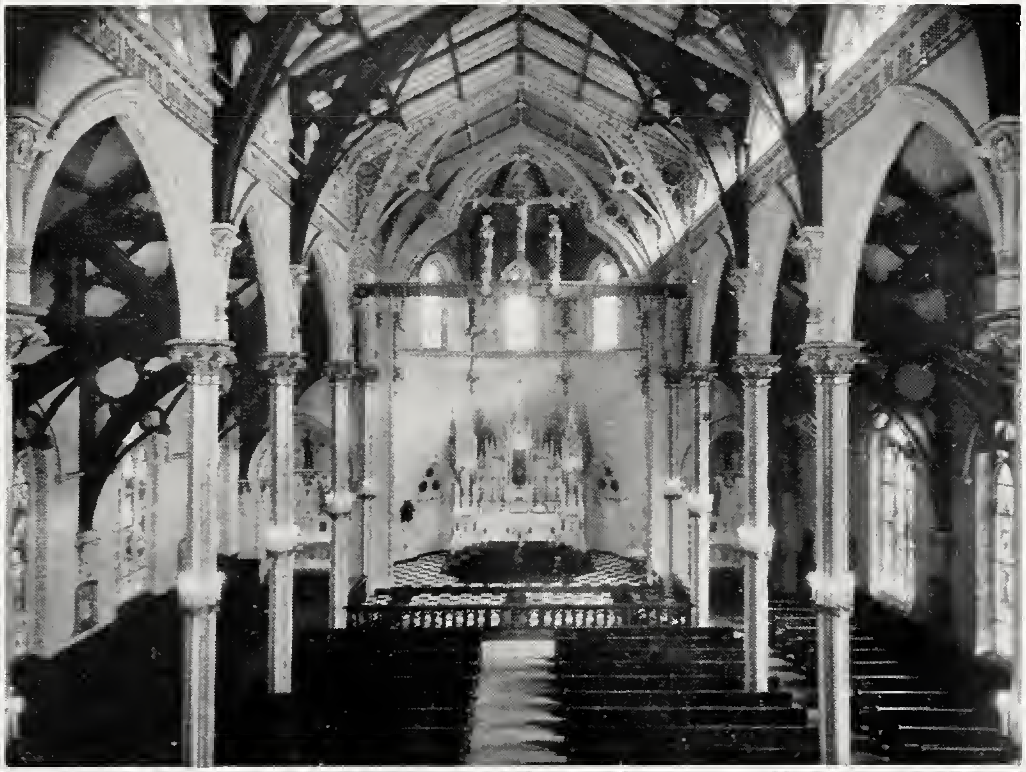
The present pastor is Rev. James A. O'Malley, who has redecorated the church, built a modern parish school, purchased a convent and enlarged the rectory, so that now the whole plant is one of the most beautiful spots in Florence. Father O'Malley is a quiet, methodical worker, who never fails to produce lasting results without any special ostentation.

THE Annunciation, Florence, took charge of Haydenville, where Father Moyce had constructed a mission church in 1868. This church became the home of a new parish in 1889, with Rev. W. J. Long as pastor. The same year he was succeeded by Rev. George M. Fitzgerald, who remained for twenty years, until his promotion to Westfield. He built up a vigorous parish spirit, and made the influence of his people felt in civic affairs. His work was carried on by Rev. Joseph G. Daley, who, like Father Fitzgerald, cared for Leeds as a mission, until it was made a separate parish. The present pastor is Rev. John J. Kenny, who has just been appointed to succeed Rev. John J. Roberts, deceased. Father Roberts, in a short pastorate, did everything possible to put the church property into excellent repair for his successor. This is Father Kenny's first pastorate, but enthusiasm and a special aptitude to win the confidence of men and boys have characterized his work as assistant.

HADLEY, old in the annals of our state, began its Catholic story in the forties. For nearly a century, its scattered Catholics have known the care of priests from Hartford, Springfield, Holyoke, Northampton and, finally, Amherst. During Father John J. Bell's pastorate at Amherst, in 1915, the English speaking mission of Hadley, St. John's, became a separate parish, under Rev. Cornelius F. Donoghue, now of Hatfield. The following year, Father Bell's assistant, Rev. Julius Jaworek, became first pastor of the Polish parish at Hadley. He purchased an old Protestant meeting house, which had been used for secular purposes, moved it to Hadley's main thoroughfare, and renovated and repaired it for Catholic serv-

Assembly hall and gymnasium. St. Michael's High School, parish of St. Mary of the Assumption, Northampton. Rev. Thomas F. Cummings, D.D., P.R., Pastor.





CHURCH AND RECTORY,
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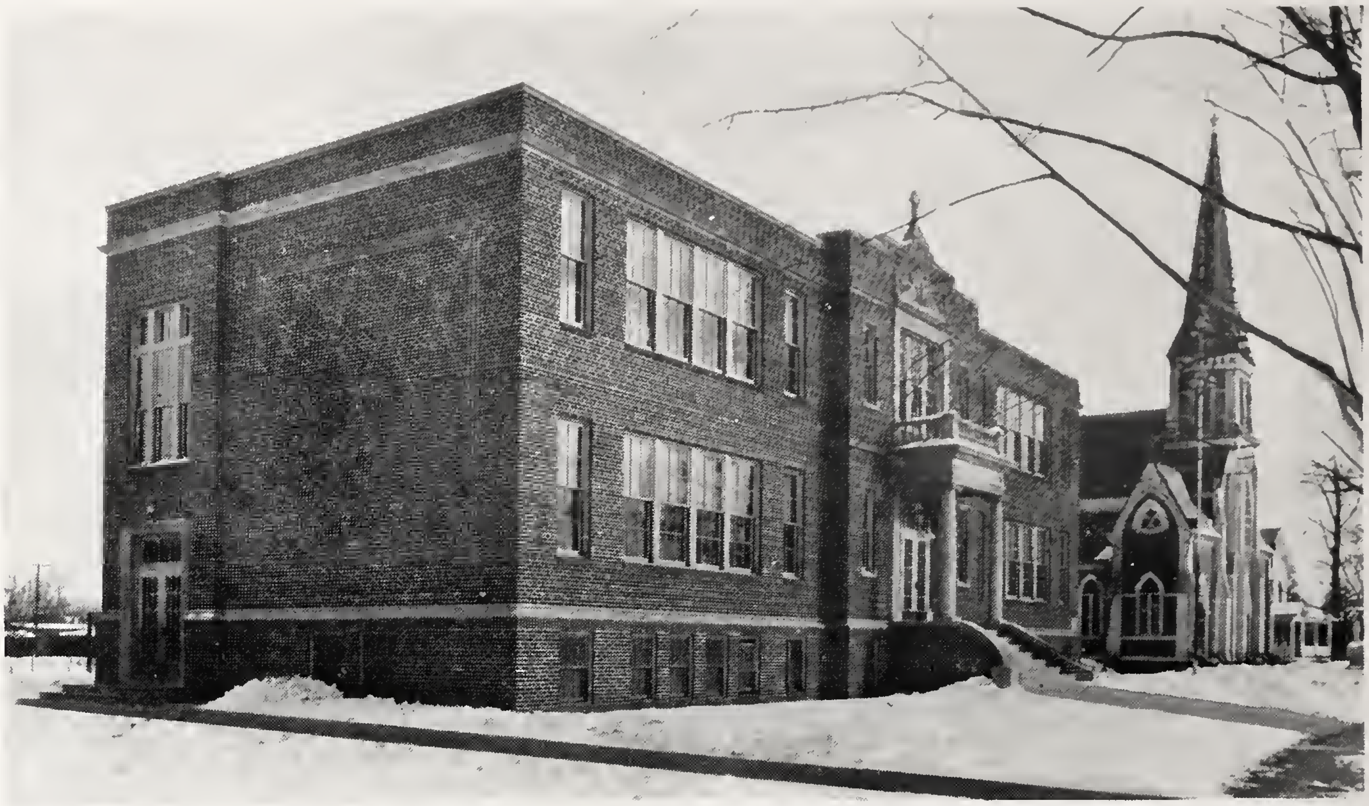


John W. Donohue, School Architect

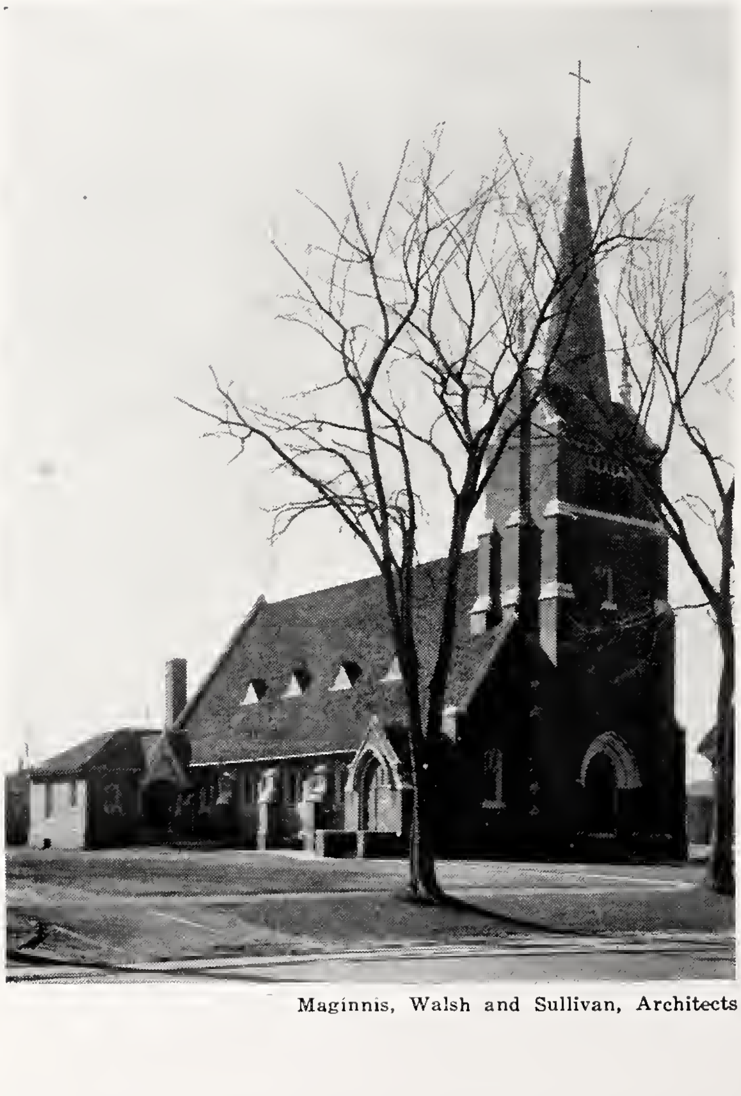
Annunciation Group, Florence
School, Church and Rectory
Rev. James A. O'Malley, Pastor. Sisters of St. Joseph in charge of School.

ices. It was dedicated under the title of Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary.

Thanks to the efforts of Fathers Donoghue and Sheedy, St. John's church property was placed in excellent repair, a parish self-consciousness was developed and the present pastor, Rev. Walter T. Hogan, is working among a loyal and generous people to whom he is giving the best efforts of an alert mind and energetic nature.

Though Holy Rosary recently passed through a regrettable episode, the present pastor, Rev. Stanislaus Feresz, has rallied his people to the support of legitimate authority, and, under his quietly efficient guidance, Holy Rosary is enjoying a new lease of spiritual peace.

REV. N. RAINVILLE organized the French speaking people of Northampton into a parochial group in 1886, and in 1891 opened the parish schools. The original frame buildings used for divine worship and school purposes have long since been discarded, and the parish, today, thanks especially to the late Father Trottier, has a hand-



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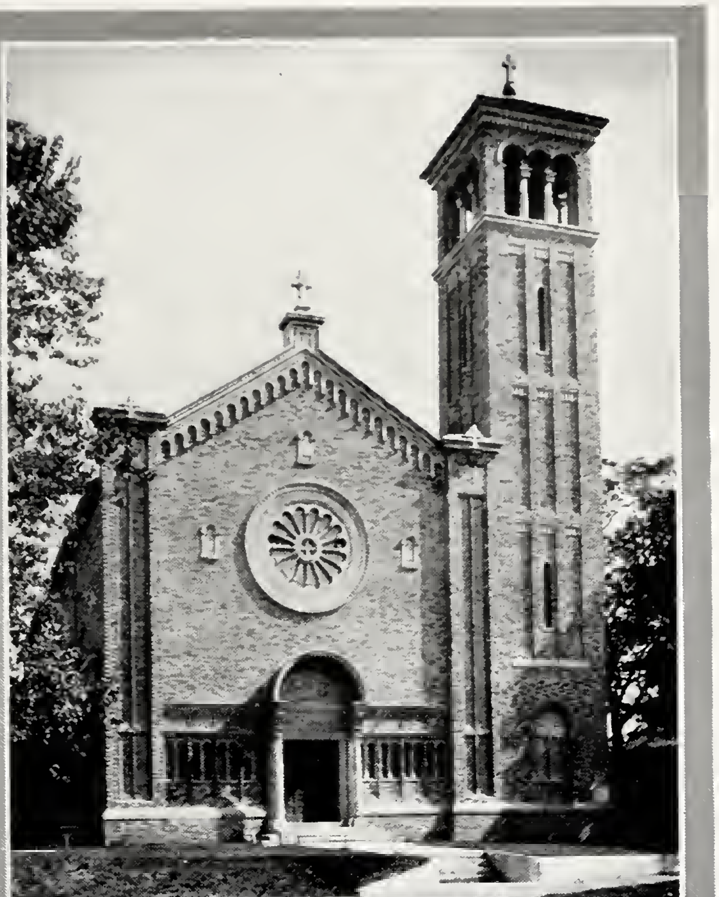
Blessed Sacrament Church, Northampton. Rev. J. W. Broderick, Pastor.



St. John Cantius' Church, Northampton
Rev. Valerian Fligier, Pastor.

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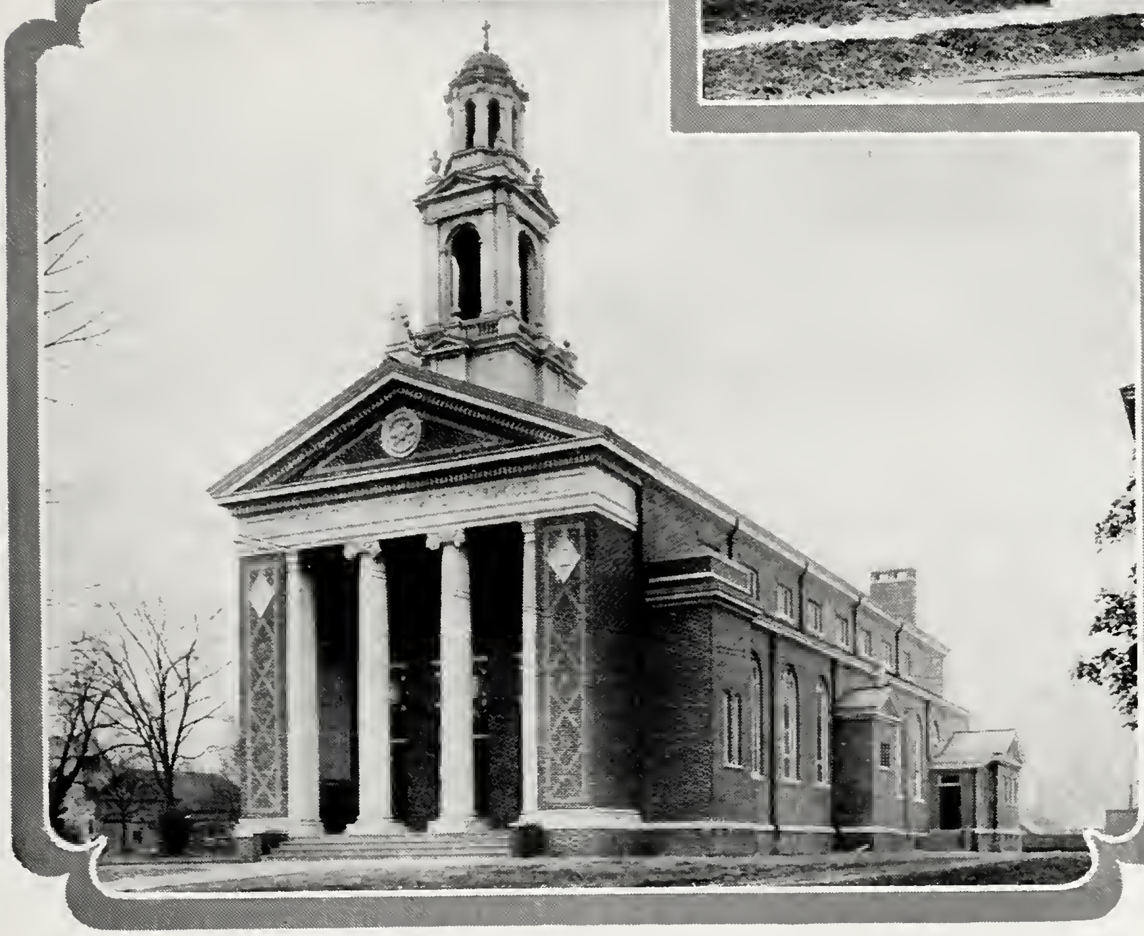

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Sacred Heart Church, Northampton
Rev. Stanislaus Guillett, Pastor.

Sacred Heart Convent and School, Easthampton
Rev. A. Lekarczyk, Ph.D., S.T.L., Pastor. Felician Sisters in charge of School.

some Romanesque church and a modern school building, which attract much favorable attention from passersby on the Greenfield highway. The present pastor, Rev. Stanislaus Guillet, has done much to enhance the appearance and usefulness of a fine church property, and carry on the work of able and energetic predecessors.

IN 1899, Rev. Thomas Lucey was made pastor of the new Blessed Sacrament Parish at Bay State, and remained there until his death. He erected a very handsome parish church, to which his successor, Rev. James W. Broderick, added a suitable rectory. Father Lucey was a simple, quiet, saintly soul, who nevertheless had much business acumen. Father Broderick, besides his parish, has charge of the Catholic inmates of the State Hospital at Northampton. He has the sound good sense of his native Hardwick, an amiable disposition, a pleasant address, all of which combine to make him a successful parish leader.

DURING Father J. G. Daley's pastorate at Haydenville, in 1916, Leeds became a separate parish, of which Rev. Dr. D. H. McDermott was the organizer. He found a well equipped little mission church, and, by the purchase of a nearby cottage for a rectory, started the new organization on its

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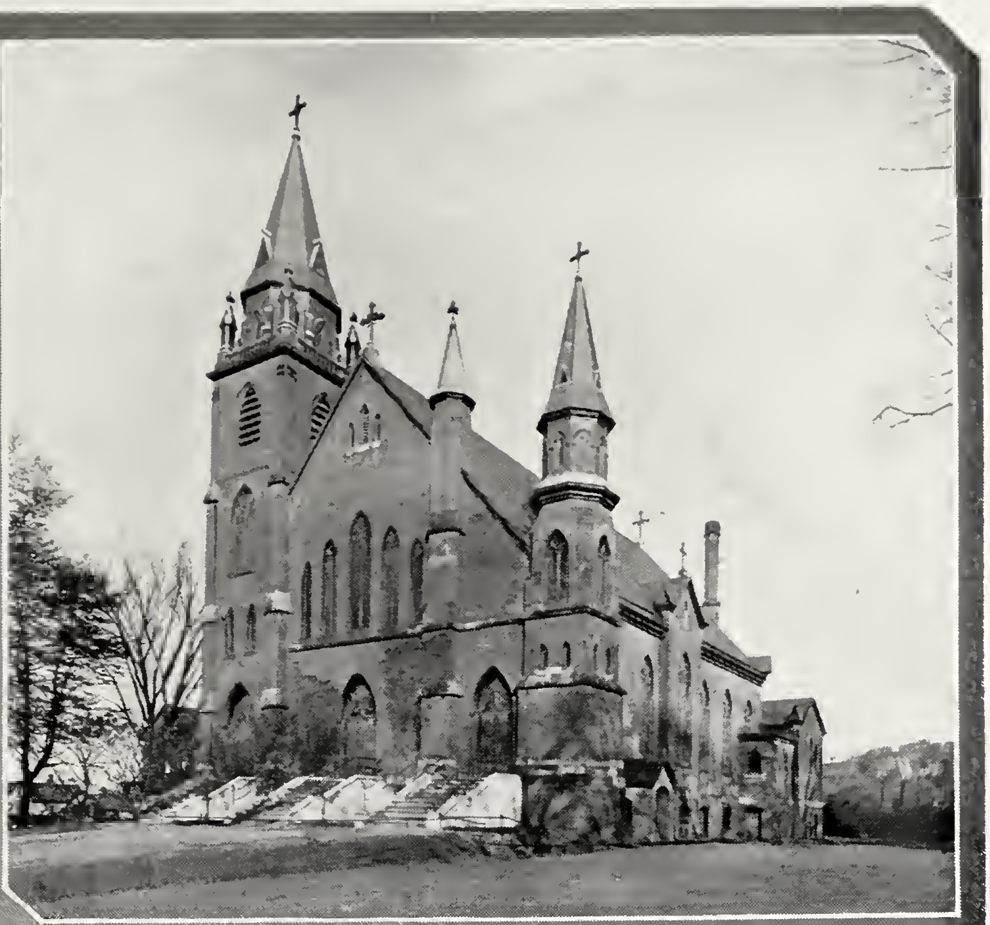
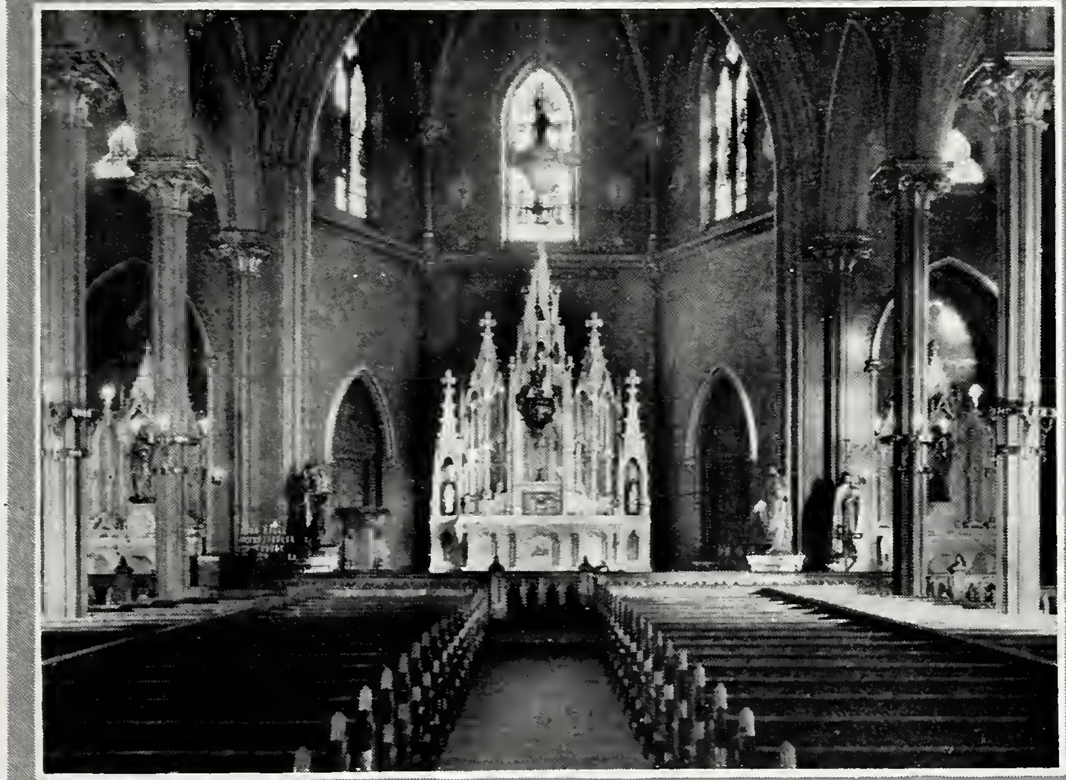
Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, Easthampton. Rev. A. Buisson, Pastor.





IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH,
EASTHAMPTON
Rev. P. F. Doyle, Ph.D., J.C.L., Pastor.

James Murphy, Architect

vigorous parochial career. The present pastor, his successor, is Rev. James M. Burke, who showed rare judgment in handling a difficult situation which ushered in his régime, and has now the united support of his people. Father Burke is a quick, keen observer, a convincing speaker and a most agreeable character who invites and wins the confidence of his people.

NORTHAMPTON'S Polish people were organized as a parish in 1904 by Father Redden, who remained for three years. The Polish population worshipped, at first, in the spacious basement of St. Mary's, then in a hall, and their third house of worship was a remodelled brick house. In 1912, however, under Father Piechota, the present sightly yellow brick Church of St. John Cantius was completed, and the present pastor, Rev. Valerian Fligier, who arrived in 1913, added a brick rectory, in harmony with the lines and material of the church.

C. E. Fournier, Architect

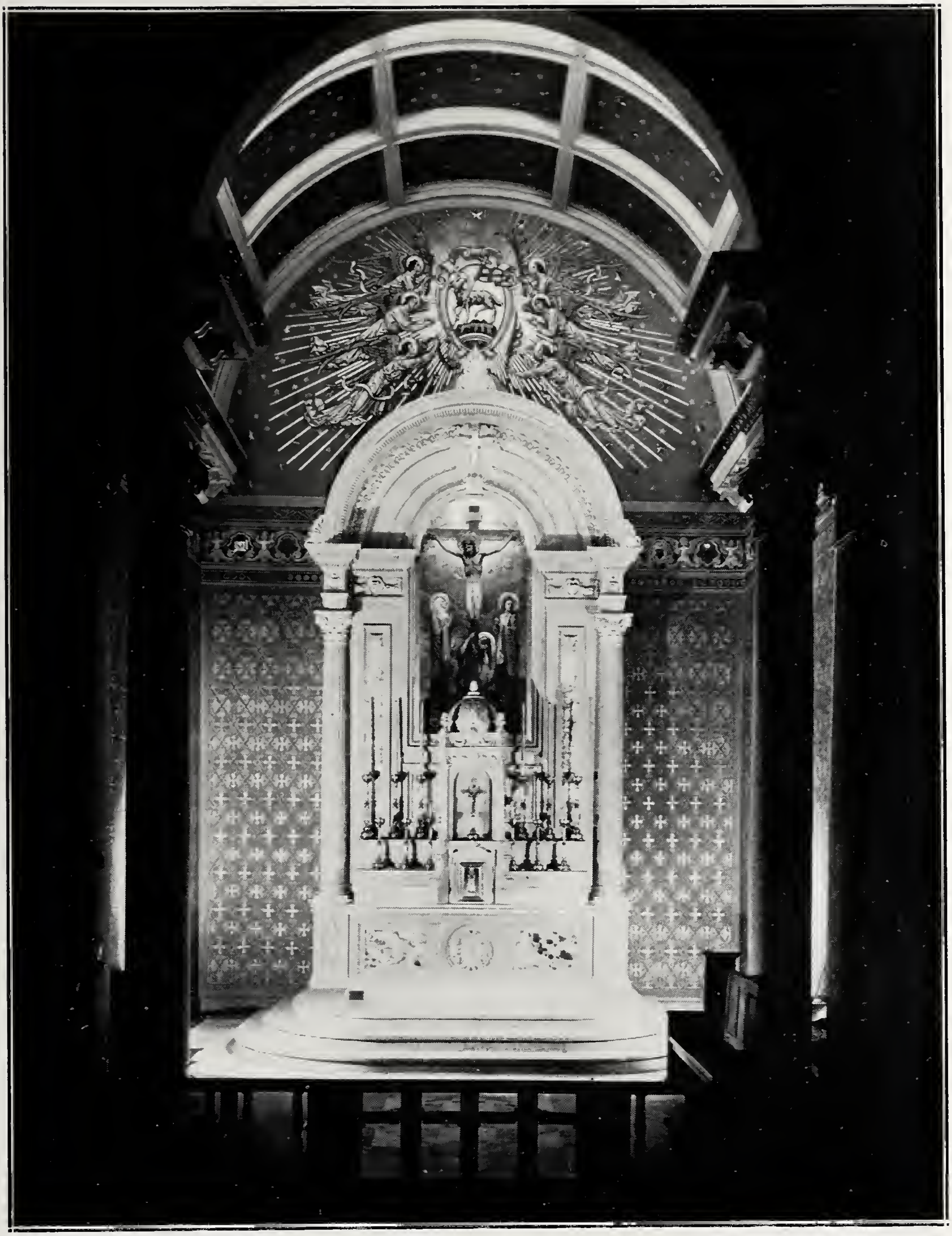
ST. MARY'S CHURCH, WARE
Rev. Michael Kolbuch, M.S., Pastor.

AT THE western edge of Hampshire, Huntington became a parish independent of Westfield, in 1886. The first Mass there had been celebrated by Father Blenkinsop, of Chicopee, in 1850. Father Smythe, of Westfield, raised funds for the church which was dedicated in 1881. The first resident pastor was Rev. Lawrence Derwin, but the "long time" pastors were Fathers Thomas McLaughlin and Michael Coyne, who, each alone, cared for the Catholics from Chester to Russell and Woronoco. Bluff, whole-souled Father Austin O'Malley built the dainty mission chapel at Chester, and the present pastor, Rev. John J. McCarthy, D.D., duplicated it at Russell. Father McCarthy is an earnest preacher, a quiet, gentle character of studious habits and scholarly attainments. He is notably assiduous in caring for the spiritual needs of his flock, and sets all an inspiring example by his own devotion to our Eucharistic Lord.

AT THE eastern extremity of Hampshire, Catholicism showed an early and sturdy growth at Ware, almost from the time when Father Fitton said Mass there, in 1834. Then Chicopee cared for the Catholic population until Father Healy came as permanent pastor, in 1860, and erected St. William's Church. Thirty years later, after the picturesque pastorate of Father William Moran, Rev.

P. W. Ford, Architect

All Saints' Church and Rectory, Ware. Rev. John H. Freel, Administrator.



John W. Donohue, Architect

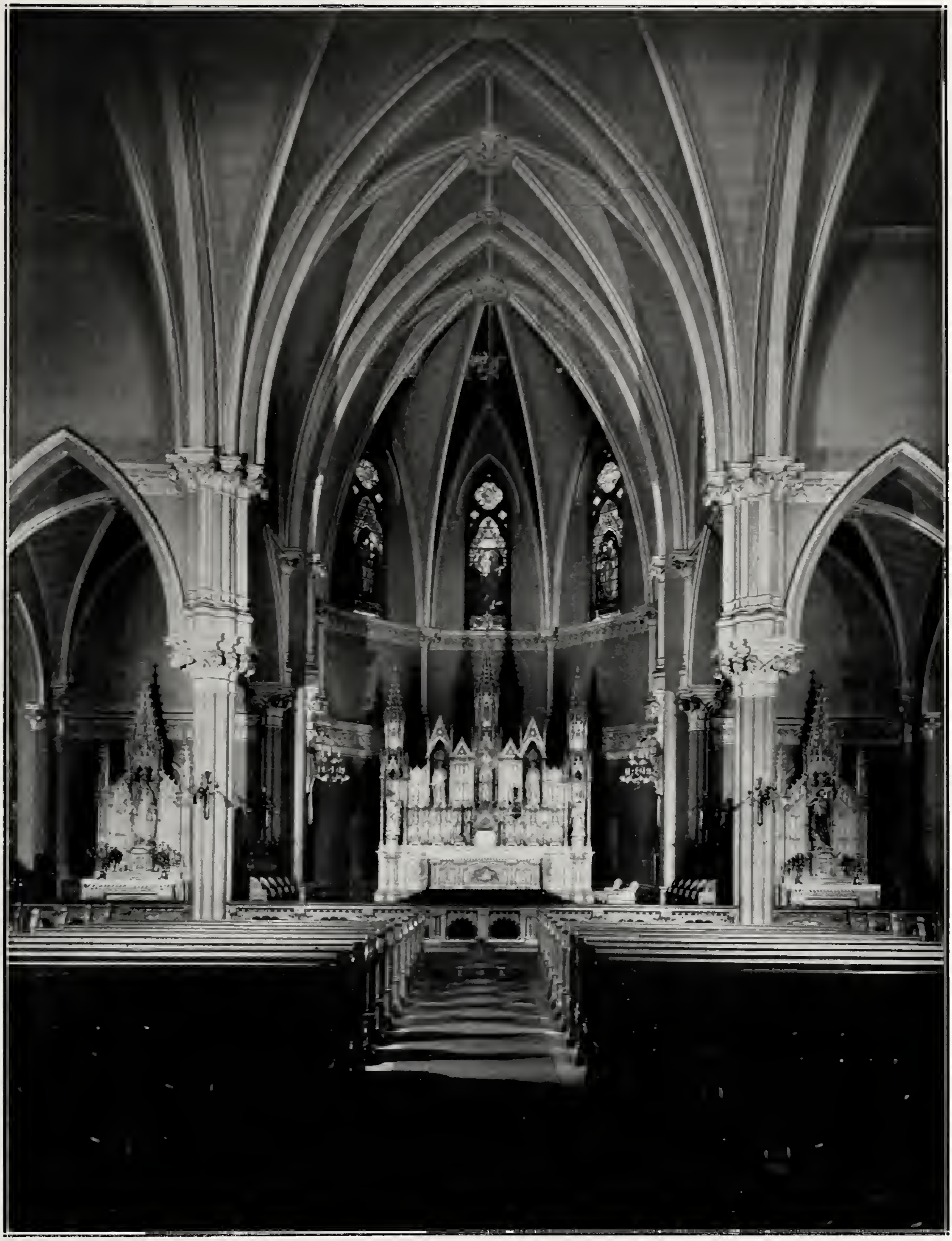
MAIN ALTAR, ST. BRIDGET'S CHURCH, AMHERST
Rev. Arthur E. Sheedy, Pastor.

C. E. Fournier, Architect

St. Mary's Church, Ware
Rev. Michael Kolbuch, M.S., Pastor.

James Boyle erected the beautiful new Gothic church dedicated to All Saints, which still has few superiors in our diocese. Father John Fallon, who followed, built a rectory in keeping with the church edifice, and thirty years later, Bishop O'Leary warmly praised the group at his first Confirmation in the pastorate of Fr. J. F. Griffin. During a long pastorate, Rev. John H. Murphy all but wiped out the heavy mortgages caused by this building program, and left a record of unselfish service as his lasting monument. The late pastor, Rev. Anthony Dwyer, previously served as a curate in the same parish, and returned to end his days in a field of earlier labor when he was promoted from Fisherville, where his knowledge of French enabled him to attain marked success in a bilingual parish. All Saints is at present being administered by Rev. John H. Freel.

REV. LOUIS G. GAGNIER, that great missionary soul, organized the French people of Ware into the Mount Carmel congregation, in 1871. The present pastor, Rt. Rev. Msgr. John T. Sheehan, has not only celebrated his golden jubilee in the priesthood—he has celebrated his golden jubilee as pastor at Ware, to which he went in the spring of 1880, and ranks as the oldest priest, in point of service, in our diocese. Malcontents assured him on his arrival that he was not wanted. Strikes against assisting at divine service conducted by him hampered his early years. But the sterling



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All Saints' Church, Ware
Rev. John H. Freel, Administrator.

faith, fine priestly fervor and meek courage of a man endowed with exceptional qualities of heart and mind have overcome every difficulty and won not merely the respect but the love and admiration of former opponents. One of his first acts was the establishment of a parish school on an admirable piece of land on the heights above Ware. No man could stand higher in the estimate of his superiors and fellow priests than this gentle "lion of Israel" who has weathered the storms of half a century in one parochial charge. Ware as a community, irrespective of creed, and our diocese as a whole, rejoiced when these fifty golden years of unremitting toil and the dream of a lifetime were crowned by the dedication of the new Church of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, in September, 1930. On Bishop O'Leary's cordial endorsement, the present Holy Father made Father Sheehan a domestic prelate.

THE Ware Polish congregation, organized in 1905, St. Mary's, has as pastor Rev. Michael Kolbuch, M.S., under whom parish activities of every description have been promoted. The parish has a school in which three hundred children are in daily attendance, and though an independent element has caused some uneasiness, it bids fair to die the natural death which usually overtakes such ill-advised movements.

From the first, St. Mary's has been in charge of the La Salette Fathers, of whom Father Fux was the first in charge and built St. Mary's splendid church. Father Loretan's pastorate lasted twenty years, during which he opened the parish school, in 1925. He then became pastor of St. Adelbert's Parish, at Bondsville. The present household at Ware not only looks after the spiritual needs of St. Mary's flock, but gives missions and retreats throughout the diocese.

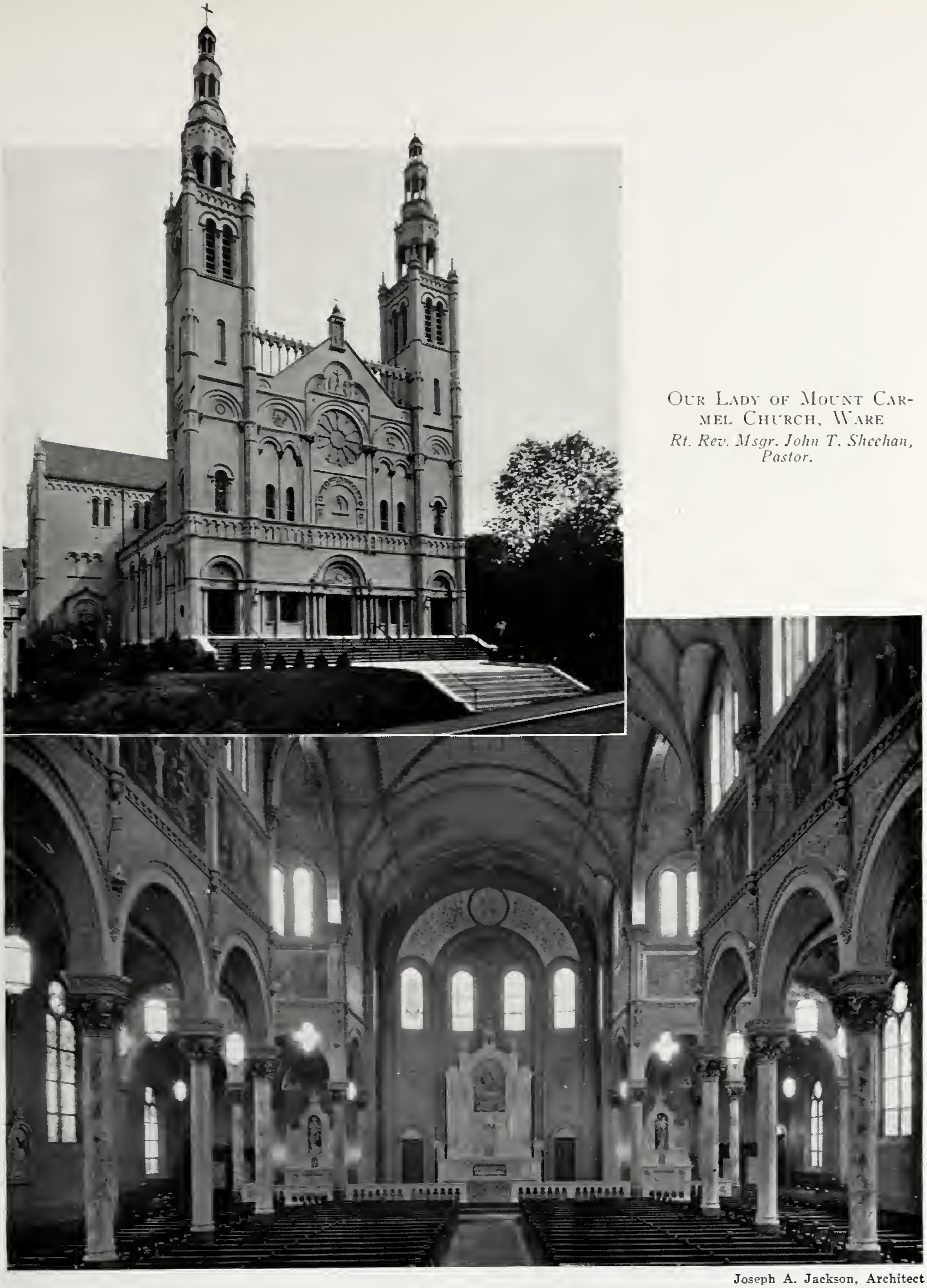
THOUGH Hatfield is in Hampshire County, it was cared for, as a mission, by St. James' pastors, of South Deerfield, prior to beginning independent parochial life, in 1899. However, before South Deerfield became a parish, the Catholics of Hatfield were looked after by St. Mary's, of Northampton. In 1893, Father Kenny said the first Mass in the present church of St. Joseph, which he had built. The first resident pastor was Rev. Charles Boylan, an experienced builder and skilled in financial management, who added the rectory to the parish property. The present pastor is Rev. Cornelius F. Donoghue, a gracious and mild shepherd of souls, who easily gains the confidence and affection of his flock. He established St. John's parish at Hadley before his promotion to Hatfield.

The Catholics of Hatfield form a prosperous group, which has long exercised a beneficial influence in public affairs. St. Joseph's parishioners have occupied many positions of public trust.

IN THE year 1919, St. Joseph's was divided, that the Polish people might have a priest who spoke their own tongue, and Father S. C. Zdebel organized the new parish of Holy Trinity. The mission church which he found had been constructed by Father Lekston, when the Poles of Hatfield became a mission of St. Stanislaus, South Deerfield. On Father Zdebel's promotion to Clinton, he was replaced by Rev. Joseph Stanczyk, who is carrying on the good work of early organization so well begun by his predecessor, and is notably successful in the instruction of the parish youth.

THE opening of the present century, 1904, saw the beginning of a French congregation at Easthampton, where the French people had previously enjoyed the privilege of a special Mass at the Immaculate Conception. The first pastor, Rev. J. I. Lord, opened church, school, convent and rectory in frame buildings, which he reconstructed and repaired for church uses. After the short stay of Father Baret, Father Bourassa took charge, purchased the highly desirable site of the new church, which he had ready for dedication in 1922. A house on the property lent itself admirably to the purpose of a rectory. The present pastor is Rev. A. Buisson, who has an excellent church and rectory and a parish school which looks after the religious and secular instruction of nearly four hundred children. Father Buisson looks forward hopefully to the day when he can erect a school building and convent in keeping with his present church, and is already considering tentative plans.

THE Polish people of Easthampton, who originally attended the mother church of the town, the Immaculate Conception, became a mission of St. John Cantius, Northampton, in 1907, and maintained this status until 1909, when they became a separate unit—Sacred Heart Parish. During its mission days, Sacred Heart was cared for



Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, Ware

Rt. Rev. Msgr. John T. Sheehan, Pastor.

Joseph A. Jackson, Architect

SAINT MARYS
FIFE, BUGLE
DRUM CORPS
WARE, MASS.
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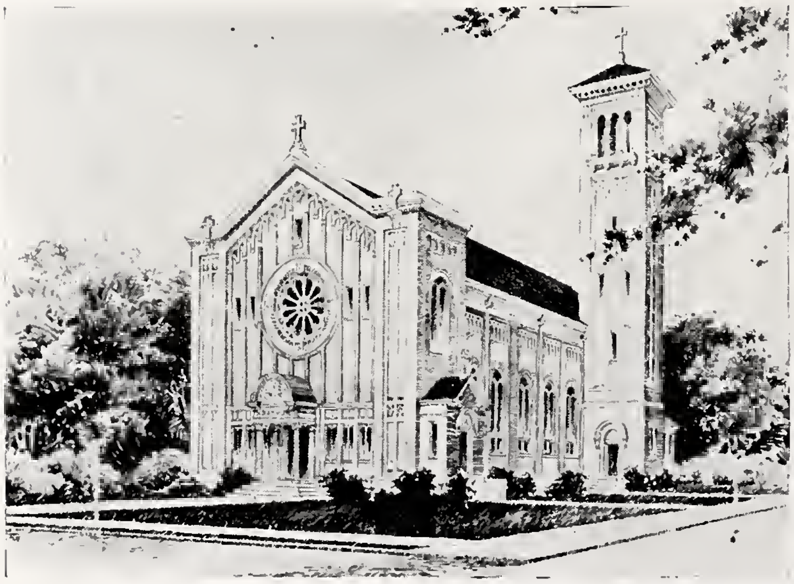
Boys' Fife, Bugle and Drum Corps, St. Mary's Parish, Ware
Rev. Michael Kolbuck, M.S., Pastor.

by Fathers Kielbasinski, Jandy and Piechota, of whom the last named erected the pretty church in 1909. That same year, Rev. John Mard was named first resident pastor, and, in 1910, constructed a new rectory. For three years following him, Rev. Wenceslaus Lenz was head of this congregation. On his death, in 1914, Rev. B. Slawinski succeeded him and remained until he returned to his native land, in 1925. An energetic and aggressive worker, Father Slawinski erected a sightly modern brick school and convent, in 1917 and 1922 respectively. The present pastor, Rev. Andrew Lekarczyk, Ph.D., S.T.L., found his congregation disturbed by an independent element against which he has made much headway. His people exert much political influence, and are becoming prominent in business circles.

SOMEWHAT isolated from the remainder of Hampshire, but in close touch with Hampden, is the parish of St. Patrick's, in South Hadley Falls, founded in 1878, with Rev. D. F. McGrath as first pastor. It had previously been cared for by Rev. P. J. Harkins, of St. Jerome's, who built the first church. A church was deemed necessary, not because South Hadley was so distant, but because there was no bridge, and the people had to either ferry or row across. Father McGrath's successors were Fathers Toher, Conway and Sullivan, under whom St. Patrick's made steady material and spiritual progress. By a happy coincidence, the builder of the first mission church at Fairview, Rev. H. J. Wren, is the present pastor of St. Patrick's, coming from North Brookfield on the death of Father Conway. An able linguist and affable in disposition, Father Wren's rule is always a mild one, but none the less successful in the essentials of parish life.



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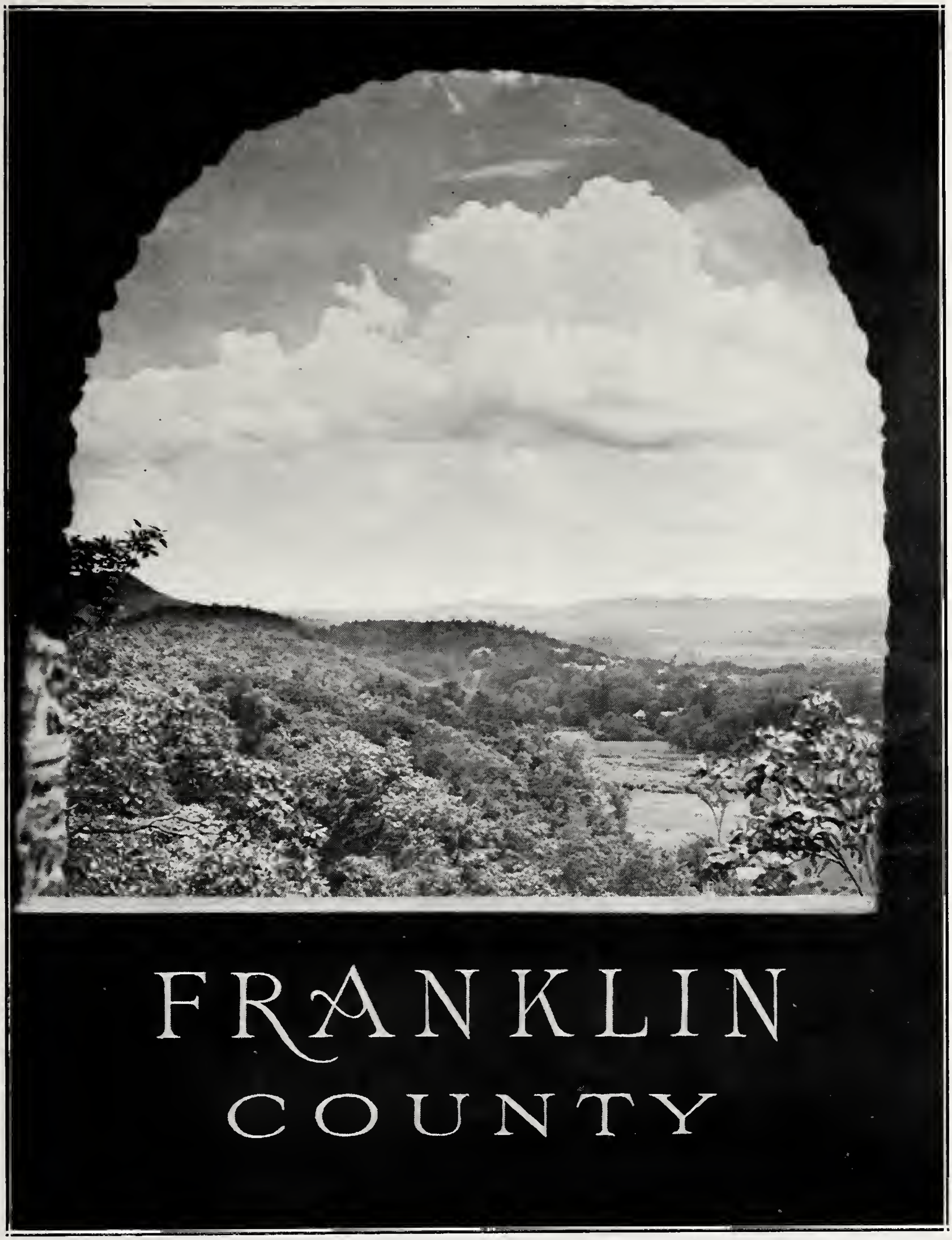
St. Bridget's Church, Amherst.
Rev. Arthur E. Sheedy, Pastor.

BELCHERTOWN entered our family of parishes five years ago. Father McGrath had already obtained by purchase an old Protestant church, and renovated it for Catholic service, under the title of St. Francis. Rev. James A. Dunphy became the first resident pastor, and erected a well-appointed rectory beside the church. His territory included Granby, while he ministered to the spiritual needs of the Catholics in the state hospital. On his promotion to Brookfield, his work was continued by Rev. Leo T. Rock, who rendered meritorious service as a war chaplain, and, in his quiet, effective way, is decreasing the debt and increasing the depth of Belchertown's faith.



FRANKLIN COUNTY

A Charming Valley Glimpse From Poet's Seat, Rocky Mountain, Greenfield

Courtesy Greenfield Recorder

Upper—A Rugged Scene on the Mohawk Trail
Lower—Poet's Seat, Rocky Mountain, Greenfield

John W. Donohue, Architect

HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL, GREENFIELD
Rev. Patrick J. Meehan, Pastor. Sisters of St. Joseph in charge.

Chronicle of Franklin County

THOUGH Catholicism has never enjoyed the adherence of large numbers in Franklin County, loyal Catholics in scattered spots have been there since the middle of the last century, at least. The first Mass at Greenfield was said by Rev. J. B. Daley, in 1840. Later, Father Brady, of Chicopee, brought the consolations of religion to these sparsely settled districts, and, in 1868, Rev. Henry L. Robinson became first pastor of Holy Trinity Parish, in Greenfield, which was taken from the care of Northampton, and given care of everything north of Hatfield and from Hoosac Mountain to Erving.

A tragic occurrence cast its gloom on Greenfield's early Catholic days—the cold-blooded murder of Father McCarthy, whose slayer was liberated by those who might be called a "jury of his peers," but whom no stretch of charity could call "twelve good men and true." Old timers tell, with bated breath, how these men died.

A series of energetic missionaries, such as Fathers Heneberry, McCarthy and Purcell, covered this vast territory regularly, until new parish divisions cut off Deerfield and Turners Falls, each of which took missions with it. The Franklins still know mission work: South Deerfield, Shelburne Falls and Millers Falls still have their isolated groups to care for in chapels among the hills.

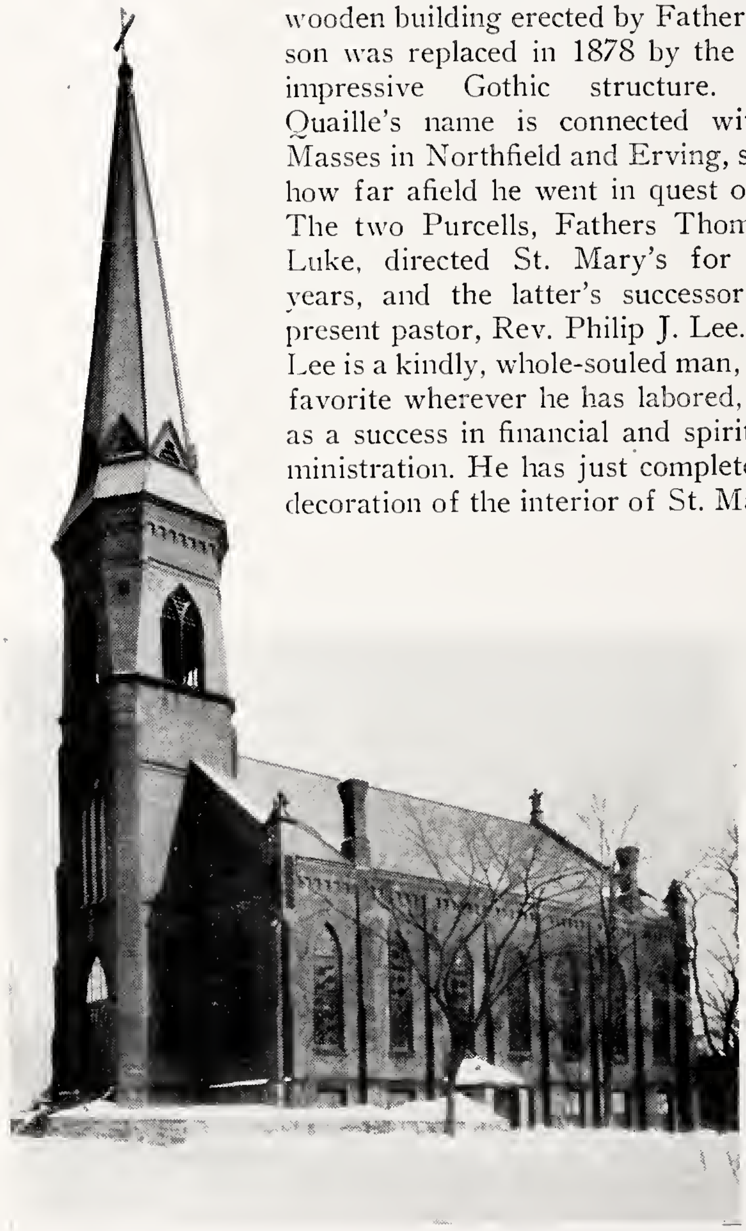
At Greenfield, Father Mark Purcell, after a

Holy Trinity Convent, Greenfield. Rev. Patrick J. Meehan, Pastor.

John W. Donohue, Architect

pastorate of nearly twenty years, was succeeded by Rev. Michael J. Carroll, whose years of labor in the Franklins increased both the value and the appearance of the church property and the faith of the people. He was succeeded by Rev. Patrick J. Meehan, under whom a superb new school, with hall and modern recreational facilities, has been constructed and opened. A new spirit has been instilled into the people, who have displayed and are displaying unbounded enthusiasm for all the works of Catholic education. Father Meehan's work in Greenfield is remarkable: under him parish organizations have multiplied, sodalities have flourished and the warmth of a new Catholic life thrills through Franklin's erstwhile cold county seat.

IN 1872, St. Mary's, of Turners Falls, became a parish, after being four years under the supervision of Greenfield, and Rev. M. P. Quaille became its resident pastor for the next twenty-five years. The severely plain wooden building erected by Father Robinson was replaced in 1878 by the present impressive Gothic structure. Father Quaille's name is connected with first Masses in Northfield and Erving, showing how far afield he went in quest of souls. The two Purcells, Fathers Thomas and Luke, directed St. Mary's for sixteen years, and the latter's successor is the present pastor, Rev. Philip J. Lee. Father Lee is a kindly, whole-souled man, a prime favorite wherever he has labored, as well as a success in financial and spiritual administration. He has just completed a redecoration of the interior of St. Mary's.



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St. Ann's Church, Turners Falls. Rev. James W. Casey, Pastor.

Ferdinand Martineau, Architect

ST. ANN'S SCHOOL, TURNERS FALLS

Rev. W. Casey, Pastor. Sisters of St. Ann in charge.

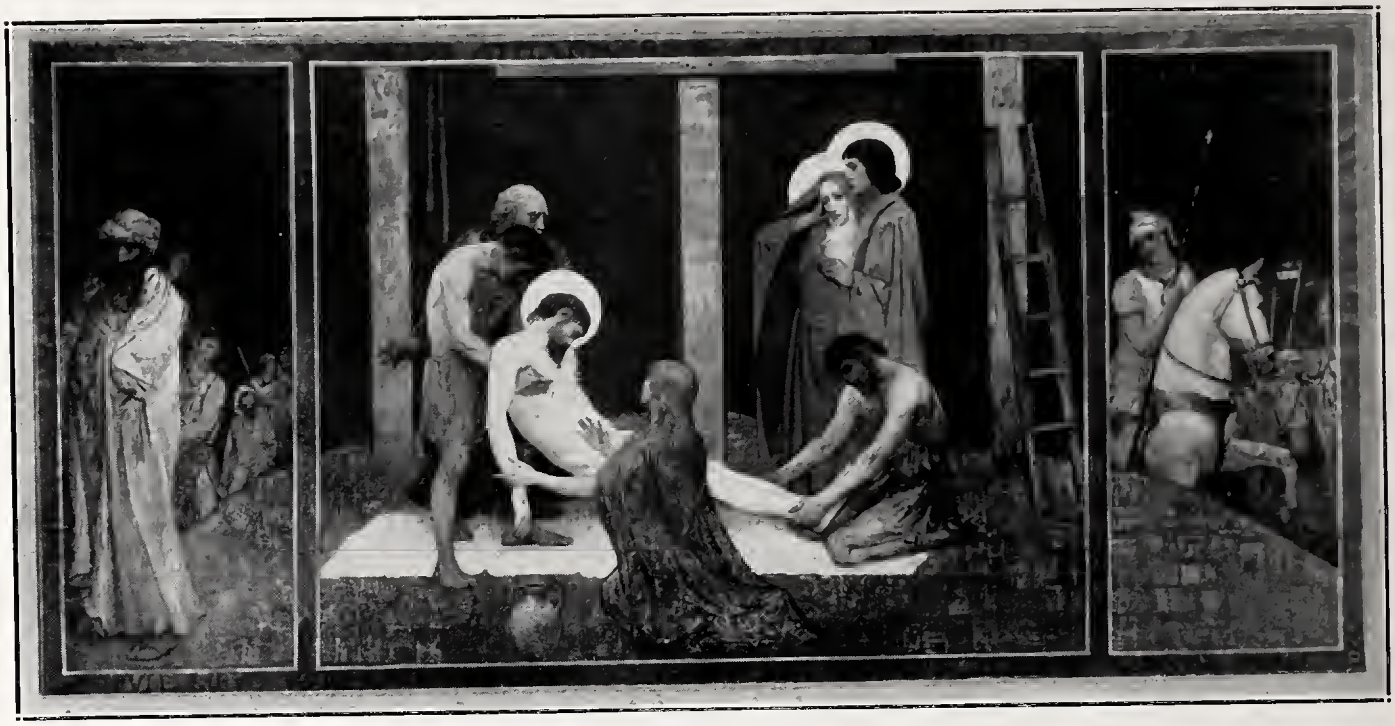
IN 1884, the French people of Turners Falls, with Rev. Edward Perreault as pastor, organized a new parish, St. Ann's, and, in 1896, Rev. J. C. Allard opened the first Catholic school in Franklin County. His successor, Rev. James W. Casey, is still in charge, and the parish school flourishes, with well over two hundred pupils, taught by the Sisters of St. Ann. Father Casey, a fluent speaker in both French and English, has proven a capable administrator, and has achieved exceptional results in both his spiritual and temporary works for the parish. Church, school and rectory have all undergone extensive repairs during his pastorate.

THOUGH St. John's, of Millers Falls, was not elevated to the status of a parish until 1898, the first Mass was said in 1848 by a Father O'Reilly, of Brattleboro, who came that distance on a sick call and stayed over night to offer Mass and instruct the children. Rev. John E. Nelligan was the first pastor, with a mission at Northfield, St. Patrick's, and a station at Erving. This same extensive territory, covered by Fathers Kirby, Lunney and Kavanaugh, remains under the jurisdiction of St. John's. The present pastor is Rev. Patrick E. Carey, a pious, gentle character, who has the quiet perseverance which accomplishes the best results in the spiritual uplift of his people. Parish, mission and station all prosper under this zealous shepherd.

James Murphy, Architect

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, TURNERS FALLS
Rev. Phillip J. Lee, Pastor.

MORE or less by accident, St. Joseph's, in Shelburne Falls, became the working center of a new parish in 1883, because of the need of a priest to care for the French Catholics at Griswoldville. Rev. John F. Lee lived at Shelburne Falls, and ministered to the Catholics at Griswoldville, where he erected a frame chapel and extended his care to others in the surrounding hill country. The parish church at Shelburne Falls was erected by Father C. H. Jeannotte, who arrived in 1887. Many improvements were made on church and rectory by subsequent pastors, who had stations at Charlmont, Hawley, and Davis Mines. The rugged work of this parish, with its dozen or more towns, was carried on subsequently by Fathers Balthazar, Galvin, Geoffroy, Judge, Sullivan and Keating. A third mission, at Charlmont, was established with the dedication of St. Christopher's Church. Father Sullivan purchased a Protestant church for the purpose, and Father Keating completed its transformation for Catholic purposes. The present pastor is Rev. Charles A. Foley, well known war chaplain, recently appointed to succeed Rev. Dr. John J. Foran,

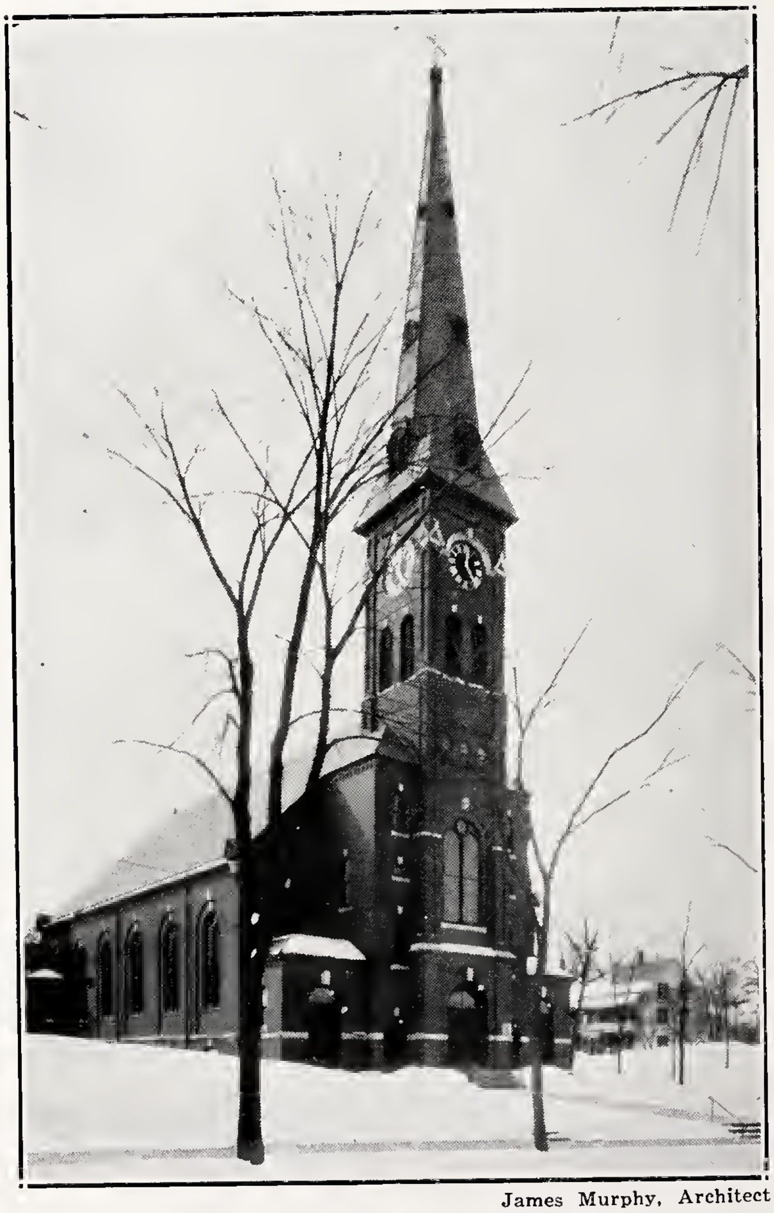


Mural Painting by Augustus Vincent Tack in St. James' Church, South Deerfield
Rev. P. Joseph Martin, Pastor.

transferred to Whitinsville after a successful pastorate at Shelburne.

THOUGH Father Robinson, of Greenfield, had said Mass in South Deerfield as early as 1871, and the Greenfield priests had thenceforth conducted services there regularly, it was not until 1895 that Rev. R. S. J. Burke became its first pastor, with Hatfield for a mission. He moved the church, which had been a meeting house on the old Bloody Brook field of massacre, to its present site. Its title is St. James. Four years later, when Hatfield became a separate parish under Rev. Charles Boylan, Conway became and still is a mission to South Deerfield. Its neat little mission church was begun by the ill fated Father McCarthy, of Greenfield. This parish which, territorially, includes five whole townships, has known the pastoral care of Fathers O'Grady, William McCaughan, O'Sullivan, Hartigan, Gallen and Finneran. Dr. Gallen began the extensive repairs which made St. James practically a new church, and Father Finneran completed the work.

The present pastor of St. James' is Rev. Joseph P. Martin, who has just completed a much needed rectory. He is a keen business man, a good



James Murphy, Architect

St. Mary's Church, Turners Falls. Rev. Philip J. Lee, Pastor.

organizer, an untiring worker for the spiritual good of his flock, and especially effective in work among the young.

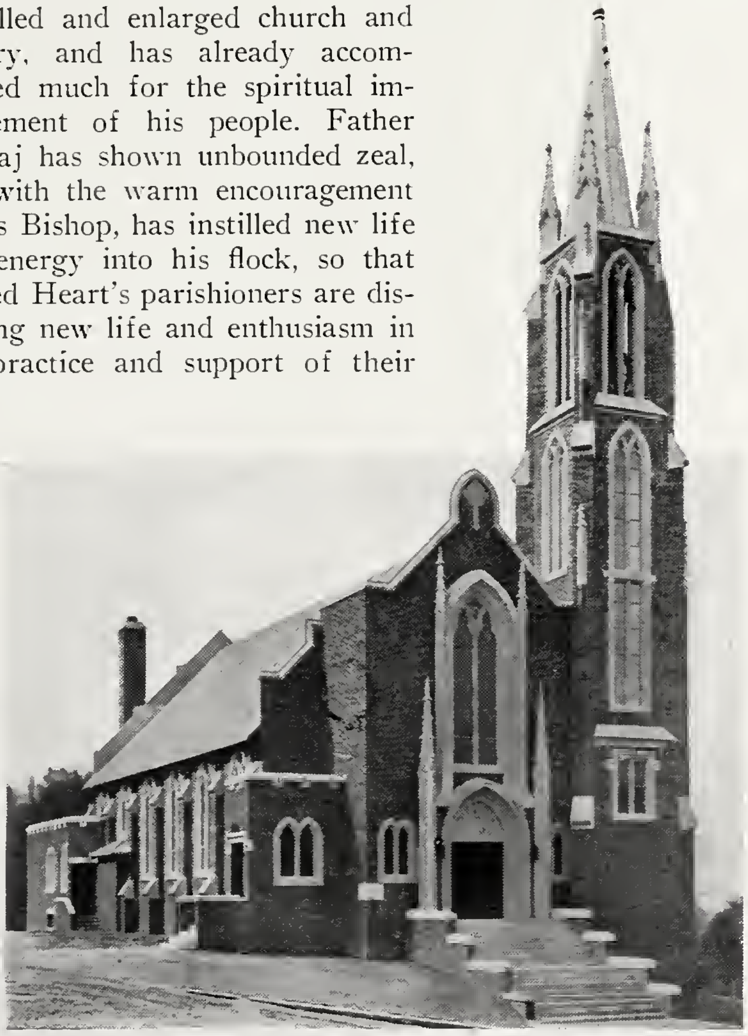
AFTER having been a mission to neighboring parishes for many years, St. Mary's, of Orange, became an independent parish in 1903. The first pastor was Rev. Michael T. O'Brien, who purchased Grange Hall and remodelled it into the present pretty parish church. The subsequent pastors, all of whom contributed zealously to the deepening of the people's faith in Orange and the nearby towns of Salem and Warwick, were Fathers John McCaughan, John Boland and the late John Leonard. On the death of the last named, the present pastor, Rev. John F. McDonnell, was appointed, and has done much to spread devotions among his people. A hard worker, and an able organizer, he is rendering to his people every possible service.

THE most recent growth of Catholicism in Franklin County, and one that promises to assume greater numerical proportions than the earlier one, is Polish. The Poles, coming in large numbers, have taken up many of the abandoned farms of the Connecticut Valley, and become prosperous through the production of tobacco and onions. Their large families have made a success of farms where the native born failed because of the necessity of hired labor. Today, South Deerfield, Turners Falls, and Greenfield have young but vigorous Polish parishes, though unfortunate occurrences at South Deerfield have temporarily divided the Polish ranks. Time will heal that breach, as it has healed similar breaches elsewhere, among many racial groups.

SOUTH DEERFIELD'S Polish parish, St. Stanislaus', was organized in 1908 by Father John Zaszczezynski. He purchased the old G.A.R. Hall for a church pro tem. Under him and Father Lekston, neat frame church and rectory were completed. It is in charge of Rev. John Langow. The situation is not an enviable one, but the pastor is young, capable and vigorous, and the whole diocese wishes him well in preventing loss of souls. His people are prosperous, and those who remained loyal to ecclesiastical authority in the recent upheaval are certain to prove a faithful flock.

REV. A. A. SKONIECKI, in 1929, dedicated a fine new Polish church at Turners Falls—Our Lady of Czestochowa, named after the national shrine of Our Lady of Poland, the power of whose intercession this "knight of the nations" has experienced in all her trials and sufferings. This parish dates its origin from 1909, when Father Chalupka established it as his third parochial foundation. He purchased and renovated a Protestant church for Catholic services. Father Zdebel, his successor, procured the present rectory in 1916. Father Lekarczyk followed, and did much to better the financial status before his promotion to Easthampton in 1925, when Father Skoniecki came to begin an active regime by the opening of a new house of worship.

GREENFIELD'S second parish is Sacred Heart, organized for the Polish speaking members of Holy Trinity, in 1912, by Rev. Stanislaus Zdebel, who held services temporarily in the basement of Holy Trinity. Then the German Hall was purchased, and remodelled for Catholic worship. The second pastor was Rev. A. T. F. Nowak, who was succeeded two years ago by Rev. John Kuszaj. Father Kuszaj remodelled and enlarged church and rectory, and has already accomplished much for the spiritual improvement of his people. Father Kuszaj has shown unbounded zeal, and with the warm encouragement of his Bishop, has instilled new life and energy into his flock, so that Sacred Heart's parishioners are displaying new life and enthusiasm in the practice and support of their faith.



Church of Our Lady of Czestochowa, Turners Falls. Rev. A. A. Skoniecki, Pastor.

D. R. Baribault, Architect

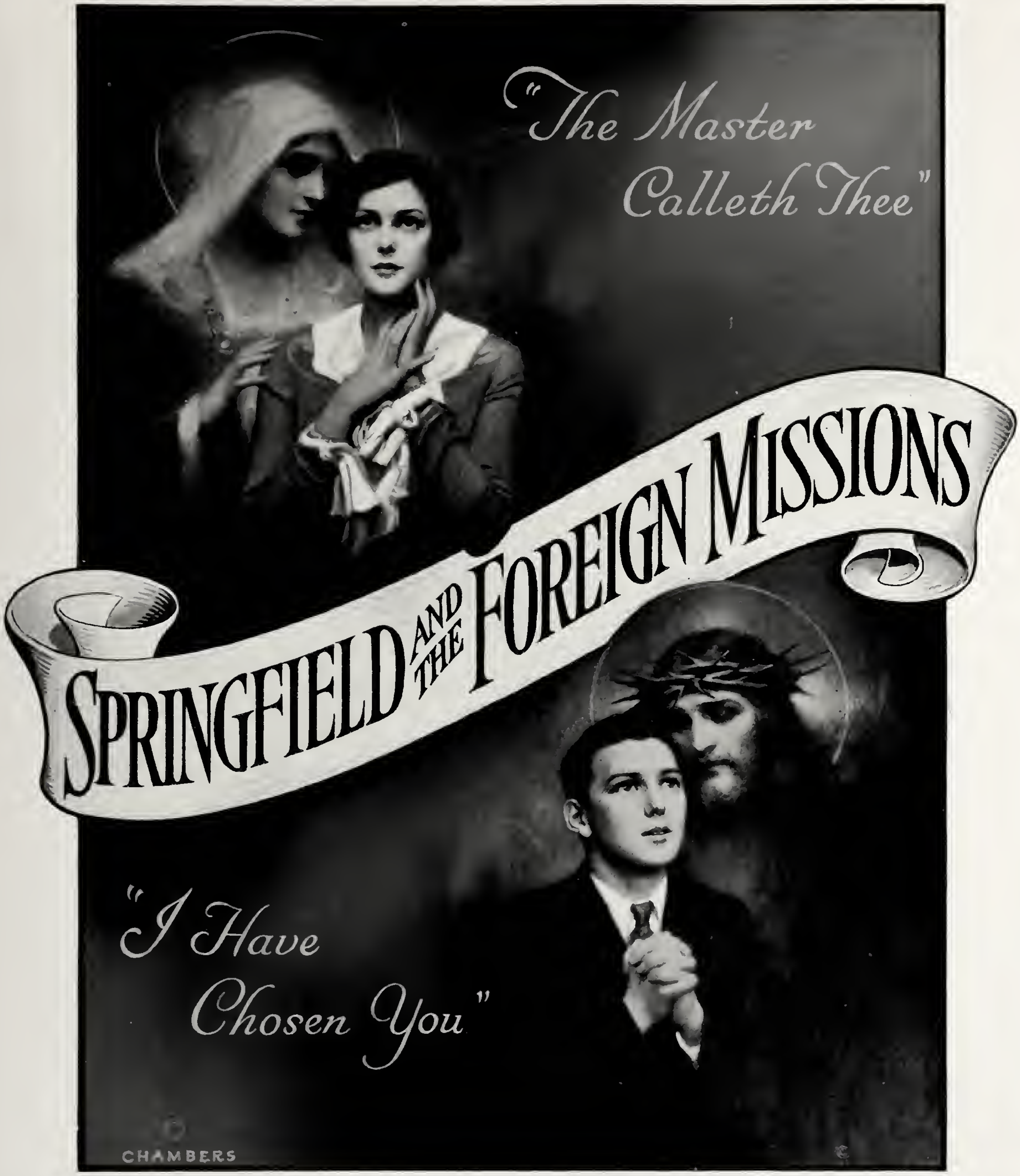
Mother Mary Lawrence of Jesus, F.M.M.

IN MEMORIAM

Mother Mary Lawrence of Jesus, F.M.M.

Marie Comtois, Notre Dame Parish, Worcester

Graduate of Notre Dame School, Worcester, called by God
to membership in the Franciscan Missionary Sisters of
Mary, in 1904, honored with positions of trust hy her
order in Quebec, New York and Rome, she became
Springfield's pioneer in China, in 1914, and died
there, a martyr to duty, in 1917.


"The Master Calleth Thee"
SPRINGFIELD AND THE FOREIGN MISSIONS
"I Have Chosen You"
CHAMBERS

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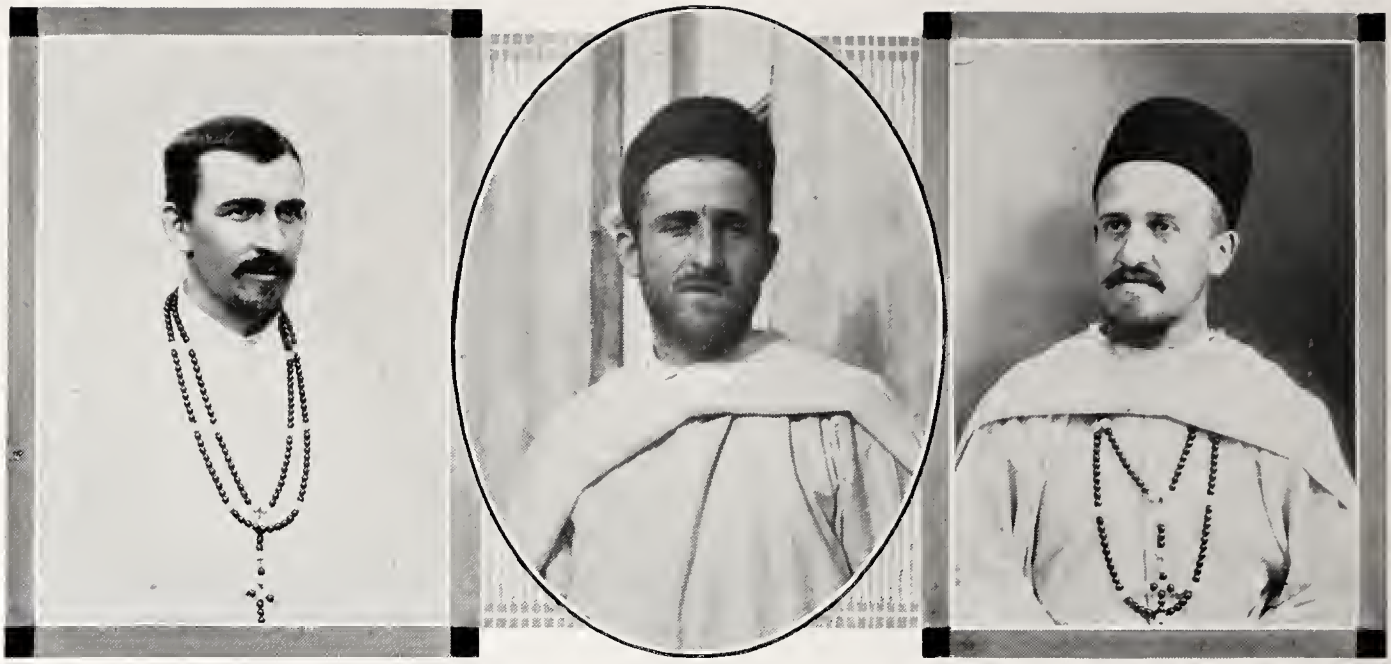


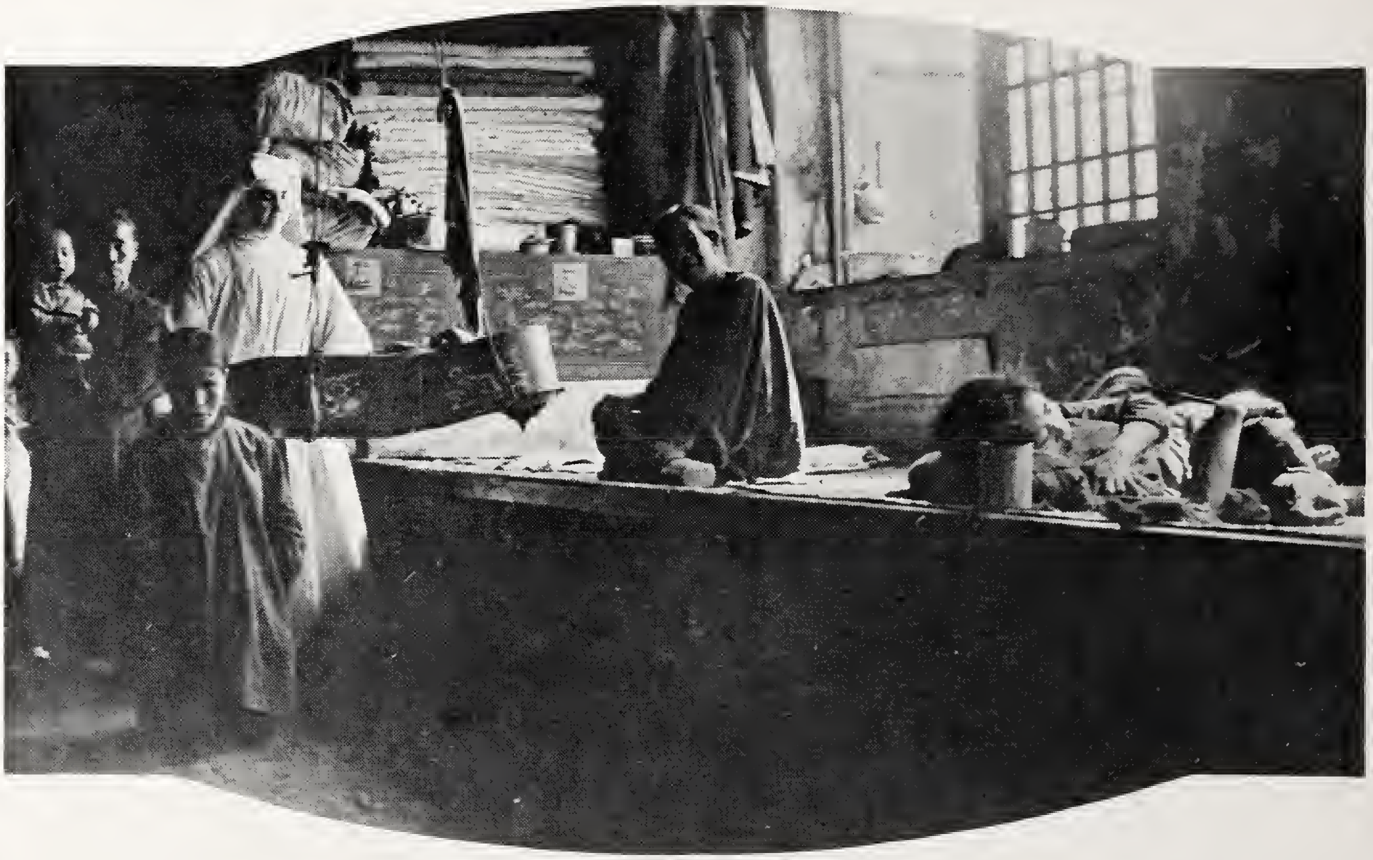
White African Fathers, Missionaries From Our Diocese to Africa

Rev. Amedee Goulet
Precious Blood Parish, Holyoke

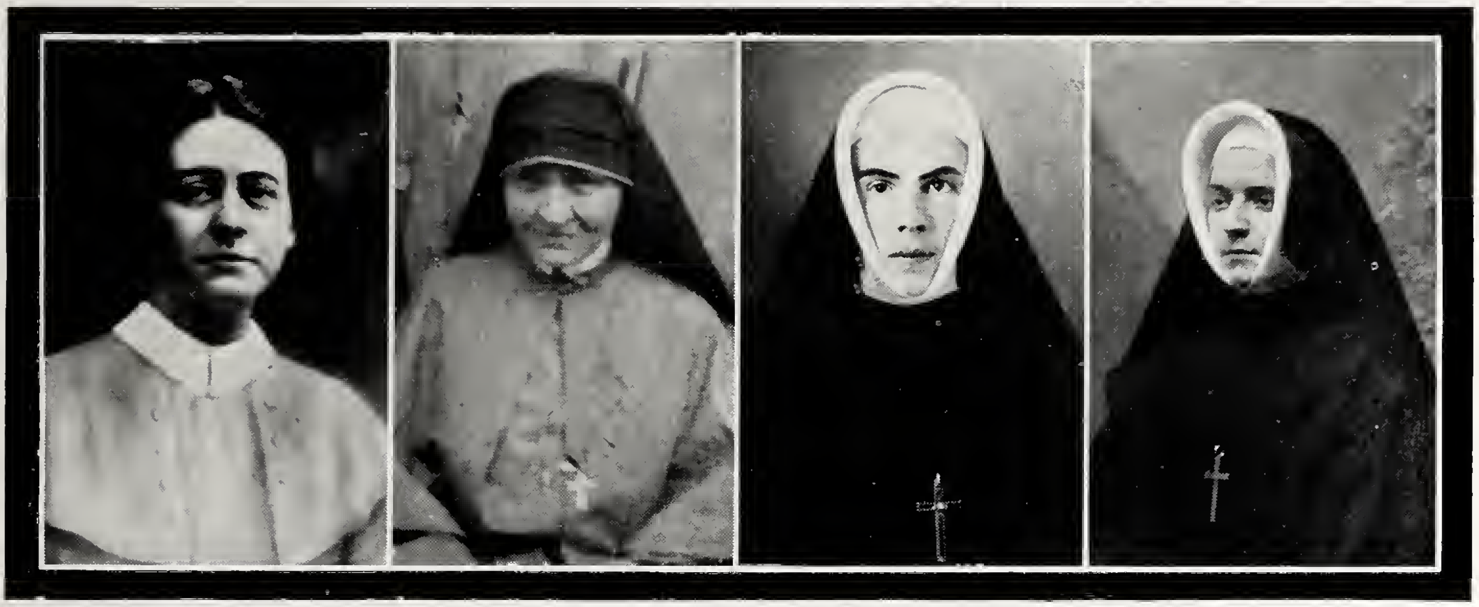
Rev. Henry de Jordy
St. Ann's Parish, Manchaug

Rev. Octave Goulet
Precious Blood Parish, Holyoke

The Goulet Fathers are brothers, and missionaries in East Africa. Rev. Henry de Jordy is completing his missionary training at Algiers, Africa.



The Late Mother Mary Lawrence of Jesus, Franciscan Missionary of Mary
On duty in her Chinese missionary hospital.



Deceased Missionary Sisters From Our Diocese
Left to Right—*Sister Mary Xavier Wholean, Maryknoll (St. Mary's Parish, Westfield); Sister Mary St. John Brown, Maryknoll (Holy Cross Parish, Holyoke); Sister Mary Frances de Chantal, Sister of St. Ann (Delia Mailhot, Sacred Heart Parish, Webster); Sister Mary of the Eucharistic Heart, Sister of St. Ann (Alma Beaudieu, Precious Blood Parish, Holyoke).*

The Propagation of the Faith

As we read the thrilling story of how priests from France, Ireland, Canada, Poland, Italy and Spain left all the comforts of home to follow the early Catholics to a strange land, and plant here the mustard seed from which our sturdy diocese has sprung, we cannot but appreciate the justice of the appeal made for the foreign missions. When we were the foreign missions, others gave generously of time and money that our faith might not grow dim or disappear, that our faith might once again gain the victory that overcometh the world. From the very inception of the great missionary society, the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, our American church was the recipient of its bounty. Nineteen times the great Father de Smet traveled from our Rocky Mountains back to his native Belgium to beg money and vestments, to enlist the help of priests and sisters for his American missions. France and Austria and Italy and Belgium and Ireland all sent their contributions to aid our struggling church, and that assistance continued down to the very threshold of the present century.

It is only gratitude, then, for us to aid in passing on to others this faith so nobly preserved for us. To be effective, help for the missions must be organized, so that those who are giving their lives among our Indians and Negroes, or in fields afar, may count upon some fixed and permanent assistance, and thus be able to plan their campaign for souls. It was the lack of such an organization

Sister St. Francis Xavier, teaching an English lesson to a Japanese pupil. Sister was formerly Marie A. Jodoin, of St. Joseph's Parish, Worcester, and now labors in Japan as a Missionary of the Immaculate Conception.

Sister Mary Coronata Sheehan
Cathedral, Springfield
Missionary in Manchuria

Sister Mary Frances Teresa Hesse
St. Joseph's Parish, Pittsfield
Missionary in Korea

Sister Mary Caritas McCabe
St. Paul's Parish, Worcester
Missionary in Philippines

Sister Mary Zita McDermott, St. Paul's Parish, Worcester; **Sister Mary Cecelia Rohan**, Immaculate Conception Parish, Easthampton; **Sister Joan Miriam Beauvais**, Holy Name Parish, Worcester; **Sister Mary Stephen O'Donnell**, Sacred Heart Parish, Holyoke; **Sister Mary Rose Benigna Hanan**, Blessed Sacrament Parish, Holyoke. All at Maryknoll preparing for mission fields afar.

Sister Mary Paraclita McTigue
St. John's Parish, Worcester
Missionary in Philippines

Sister Mary Thomas Bresnahan
Sacred Heart Parish, Holyoke
Missionary in China

Sister Mary Beata Mackie
St. Teresa's Parish, Pittsfield
Missionary in Hawaiian Islands

Maryknoll Sisters, Foreign Mission Sisters of St. Dominic, From Our Diocese

REV. AMEDEE GOULET (HOLYOKE), WHITE AFRICAN MISSIONARY FATHER
On a missionary tour in East Africa, finds a poor native dying in abject misery and administers the last Sacraments.

which so soon brought almost to naught the glorious work of St. Francis Xavier.

It is now over a century since, in 1822, Pauline Jaricot, a working girl in Lyons, France, began collecting offerings, every Friday, from a group of mill workers, and applying them to the needs of missions. Later on, her little group joined hands with a missionary organization formed at Paris. From these humble beginnings came the oldest and largest of all our present missionary societies, the Propagation of the Faith, which today is the main support of an army of nearly 120,000 priests, brothers, sisters and catechists, who are "teaching all nations" in the field afar, and at this moment have over a million and a half neophytes under instruction.

In the pioneer days of Catholicity, this organization was most generous to our forefathers, and the missionary labors of our early workers in the Lord's American vineyard. In its existence of a little more than a century, it contributed over $7,000,000 to the spread of the Faith on our continent. We, in turn, in our building age, when brick and mortar engaged so much of our attention, had little to contribute to others.

However, as our parishes multiplied and our financial burdens grew less, while our material prosperity increased, the time came when we were

Sister Joseph of the Holy Family (LEFT), *missionary in Japan, with a sister companion, visiting the natives in their huts, to nurse and instruct them. Sister was formerly Miss Jeannette Delisle, of St. Joseph's Parish, Worcester, and labors in Japan as a Missionary of the Immaculate Conception.*

Missionary Daughters of Our Diocese
Now Serving in Foreign Lands.

Sister Mary de St. Theudere (Cecile Dumas), Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Ware, a Franciscan Missionary in the Philippines.

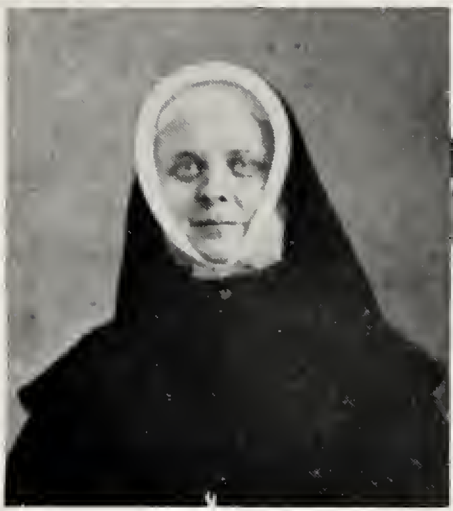
Sister Mary Julian (Eva Lemieux), Immaculate Conception Parish, Holyoke, a Marist Missionary in the South Sea Islands.

able and willing to aid others, in gratitude to God for the Faith preserved for us, and in gratitude to others who had sacrificed that our needs might be met. Especially during and since the great war, Europe's contributions diminished, and America's increased. Our dioceses introduced formal organizations, and American Catholics have presented an example of grateful generosity to the entire Church.

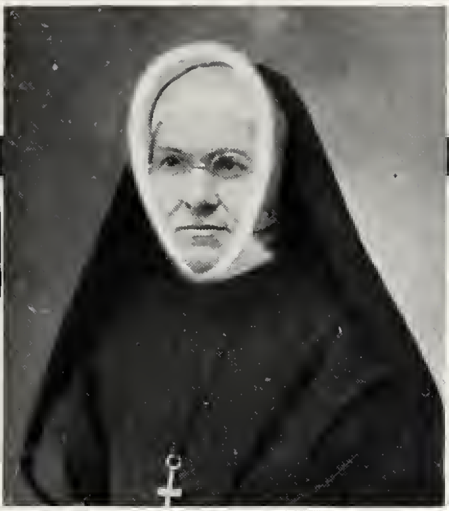
In his Lenten Pastoral of 1927, Bishop O'Leary, anxious that his flock should share in the spiritual benefits which accrue from financial and prayerful support of the missions, announced that on Sunday, March 27, all the priests of the diocese would preach on the coming establishment of the Propagation of the Faith in our midst. Formal enrolment of members followed, the week of May 15. Rev. George J. Hurley, pastor of St. Paul's Parish, in Warren, and long a member of our diocesan band of missionaries, was made diocesan director. Father Hurley has given himself enthusiastically to a work always dear to his heart. His personal enthusiasm has become contagious, and the result has been a movement which, despite the obstacle of unemployment and industrial depression, has grown each year. In round numbers, our financial aid to the missions reached $94,000 the first year, $140,000 the second year, $157,000 the third year, and $121,000 the fourth year, so that our four years' total climbed over the $500,000 mark.

Such a success, of course, had to be as wide as the diocese, though favorable mention must be made of such parishes as St. Peter's and St. Paul's, in Worcester, and the Cathedral, in Springfield, all of which reached high totals and set a good example to other congregations. Proportionately, of course, many smaller parishes did equally well. Yet the work is certain to grow, as many parishes which, for various reasons, did not attain the results of their neighbors, add their quotas to the grand total.

While the bulk of the support comes from individual members, two smaller groups are privileged to contribute more generously. Perpetual members, by one donation of forty dollars, payable within a year, participate in the society's spiritual benefits perpetually. Deceased members of



Sister Mary Itha
(maria vincelette)
Sacred Heart Parish, Webster



Sister Mary Madeleine of the Sacred Heart
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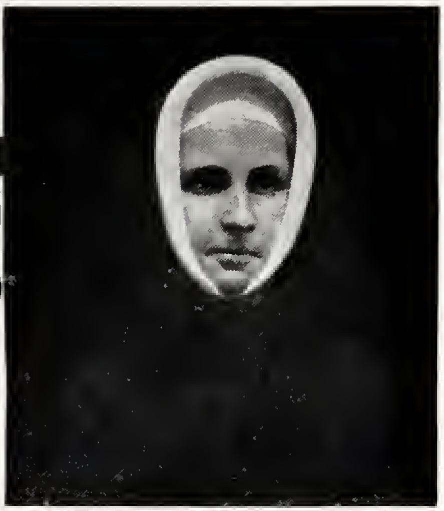
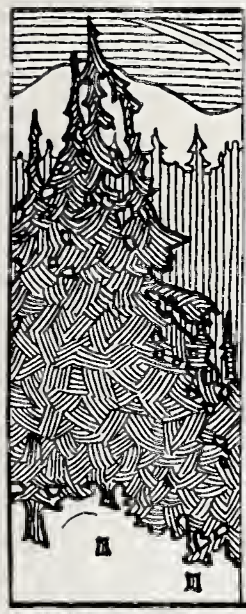
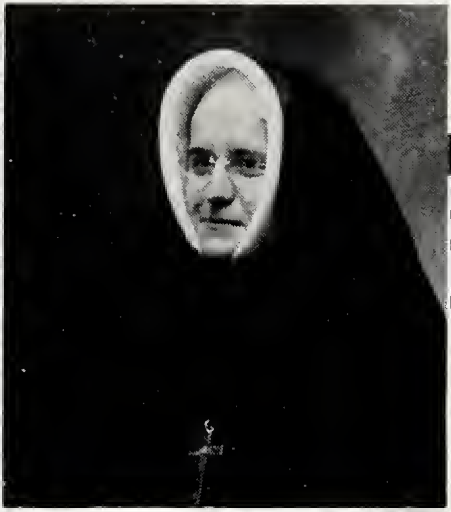
Precious Blood Parish, Holyoke



Sister Mary Jean
(eleonore tougas)
Holy Name Parish, Worcester





Sister Mary Eulalia of Barcelona
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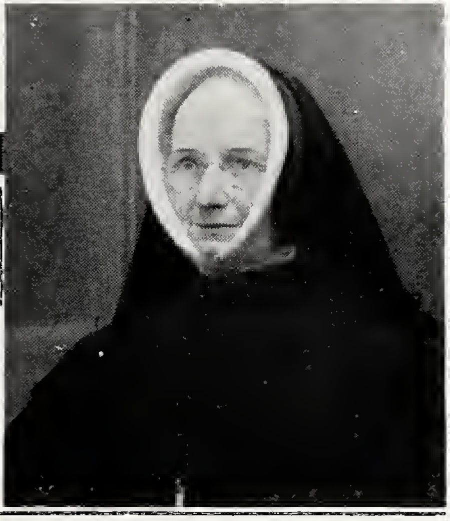
St. Joseph's Parish, Fitchburg



Sister Mary of the Heart of Jesus
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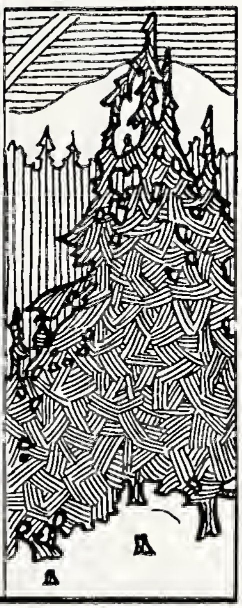
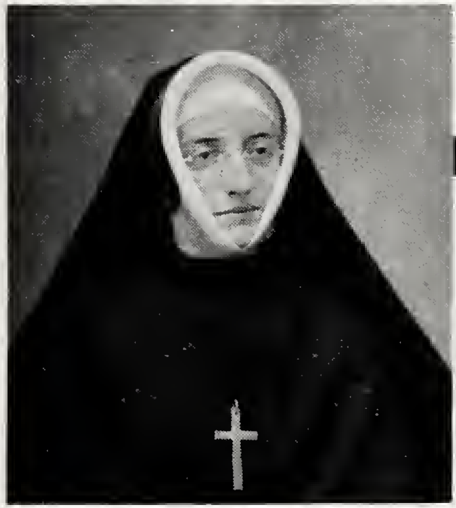
Precious Blood Parish, Holyoke





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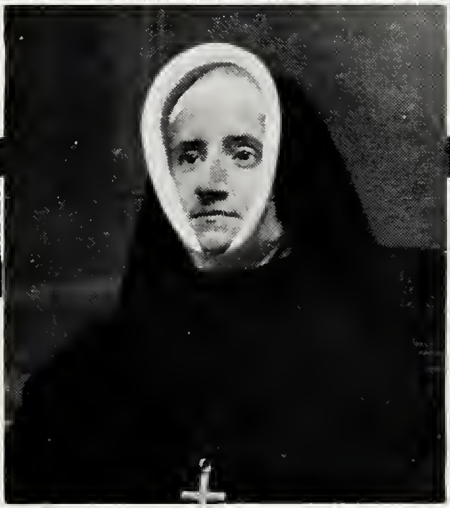
Sacred Heart Parish, Webster



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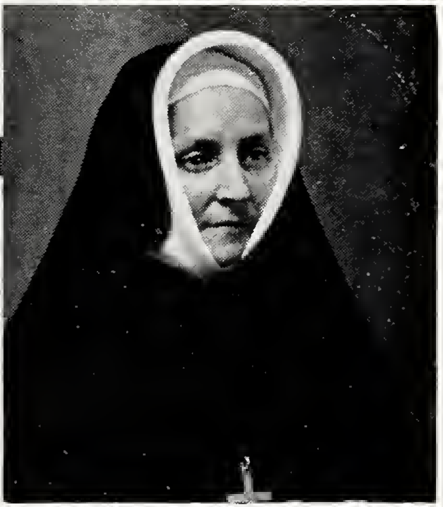
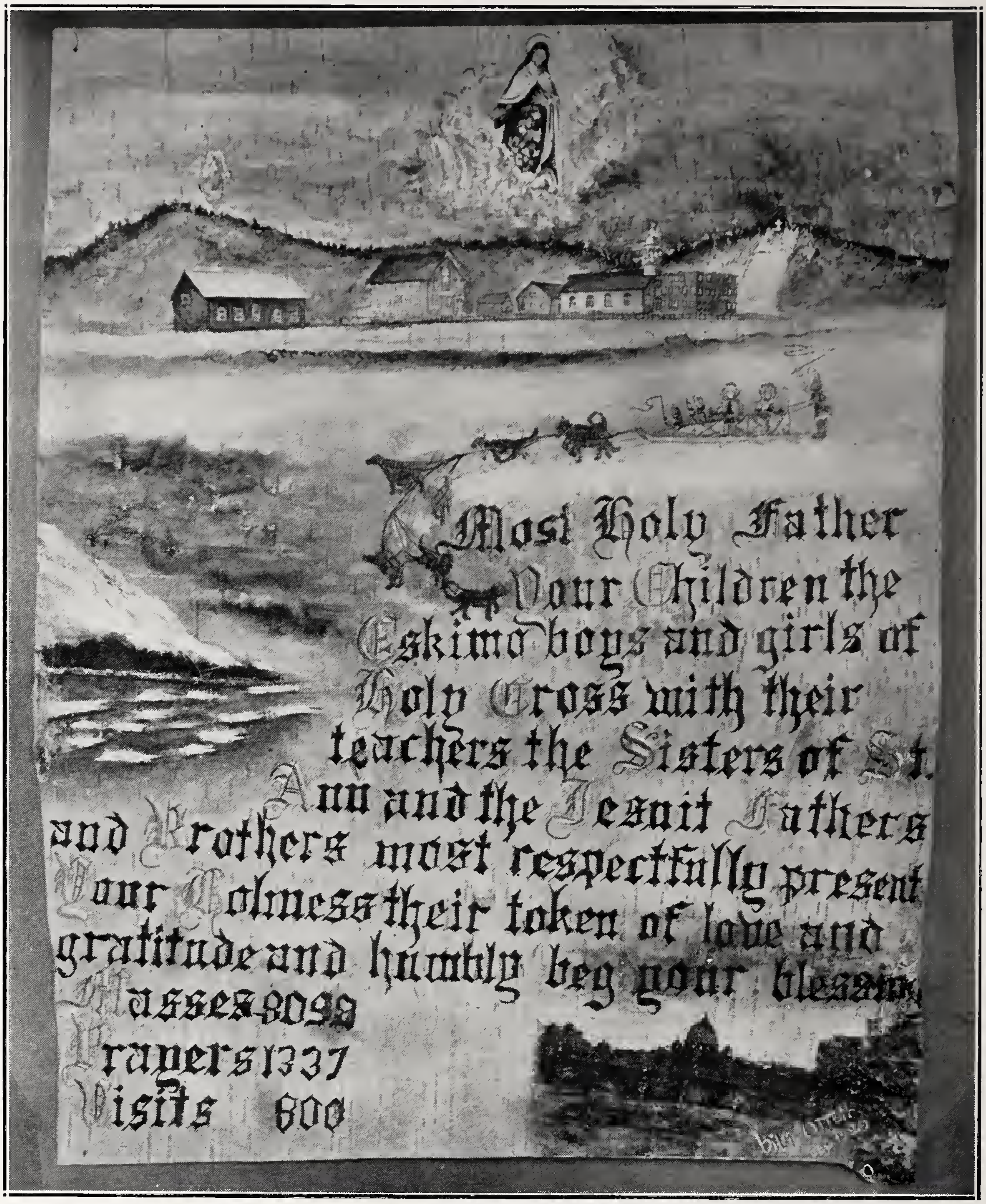
(lea hortie)
Precious Blood Parish, Holyoke



Sister Mary Antonia of Jesus
(indiana benoit)
Precious Blood Parish, Holyoke

Sisters of St. Ann From Our Diocese, Missionaries to Alaska



Most Holy Father
Your Children the
Eskimo boys and girls of
Holy Cross with their
teachers the Sisters of St.
Ann and the Jesuit Fathers
and Brothers most respectfully present
Your Holiness their token of love and
gratitude and humbly beg your blessin
Masses 8099
Prayers 1337
Visits 600

A Jubilee Greeting From Alaska to Our Holy Father, Pope Pius XI

A spiritual bouquet, painted in colors on a piece of native birch bark, by an Eskimo maid, pupil of the Sisters of St. Ann, at Holy Cross Mission, Alaska. It depicts the mission village of Holy Cross with a traditional sled drawn by dogs carrying two missionary Sisters and two children through the mission grounds toward Rome, with St. Peter's Cupola and Castle of St. Angelo. "L'Osservatore Romano," official organ of the Vatican, described it as "the most precious jubilee present received by the Holy Father."

A CLASS OF FILIPINO CHILDREN WITH THEIR PASTOR *(Center)* AND FRANCISCAN MISSIONARY TEACHERS
Sister Mary de St. Theudere (Cecile Dumas, Ware) is seen at right (IN CIRCLE).

families may thus be enrolled, and share in the Masses and prayers of the missionaries until their purgatorial sufferings are ended. Special members make a payment of six dollars a year, in return for which they may enrol ten in society membership. This gives a surviving member of a family the opportunity of enrolling an entire band, composed of ten members of his own family, in the ranks of beneficiaries, who share in the heroic labors and fervent prayers and generous sacrifices of priest and nun, under the banner of the Cross in pagan lands.

The opinions of popes and bishops as to the object and need of this society is well summarized by the late Pope Benedict XV: "We wish Catholics to assist liberally these holy works organized for the support of the missions. We are confident that while immense sums are being expended for the dissemination of error, the Catholic world will not permit those who plant the truth to struggle with adversity."

Henceforth, Springfield's place in the Society of the Propagation of the Faith is sure to be among the foremost. "Well begun is half done," and the initial work has been well done, whether judged by the labors of the spiritual directors or the response of the people.

The instant success of this great society is traceable to many sources:

First, the blessing of Almighty God, whose command it is obeying in the world's most trying zones: "Go, and teach all nations."

Second, its constant appeal to the throne of grace to bless the mission efforts of our priests and nuns. The daily obligation of each member is to add to his prayers an Our Father, Hail Mary, and the ejaculation, "St. Francis Xavier, pray for us," to aid the missions.

Third, the financial obligation is not burdensome, one dollar each year, to be paid monthly, if members so desire. Large receipts are dependent upon a large membership, rather than upon large individual donations.

Fourth, the rich spiritual benefits which have been bestowed upon members, both by the sovereign pontiffs and by the missionaries, who

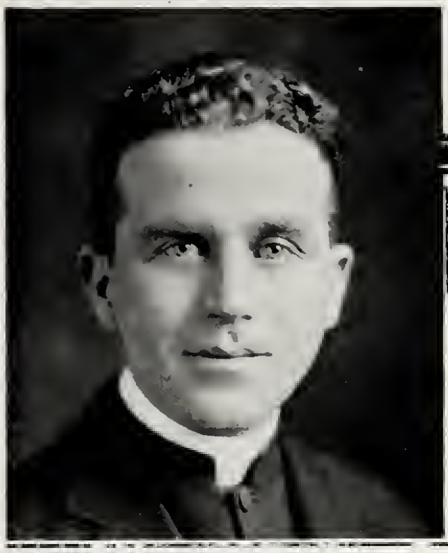
THE LATE MOTHER MARY LAWRENCE OF JESUS, FRANCISCAN MISSIONARY OF MARY, AND A SISTER COMPANION
With a group of destitute Chinese, sheltered in their home for the aged.

share their Masses, labors, sacrifices, with their benefactors.

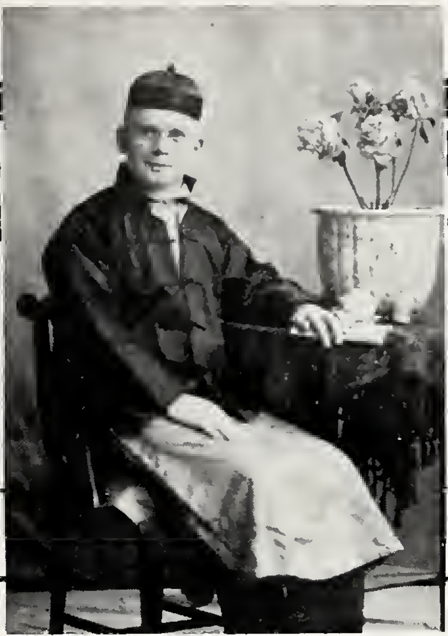
Fifth, the simplicity and efficiency of the organization—a national director, in touch with pontifical headquarters at Rome; eighty-one diocesan directors, in touch with the national director alone, parish directors, who supervise the work of the promoters, and the promoters, who are in contact with every individual member.

Thus, a close-knit organization establishes relations between its humblest member and the mission field, the object of the solicitude of all. Every one of the millions who contribute their mite to the twentieth century crusade, the crusade for souls, feels the conscientious thrill of a personal part in Christ's own work—sending the light of the Gospel to those who sit in darkness. Chosen souls hear and answer the Master's call: "Come, follow Me," while Catholicity's loyal rank and file follow with the gifts of the Magi—the gold of financial contribution, the frankincense of daily prayer, and the myrrh of admiration for the mission laborers' loving sacrifice in the sacred cause of souls.

THOUGH the formal organization of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith is of recent date, our diocese had previously given generous aid to the missions, and vocations to the "field afar" were not wanting in our midst. We can give scarcely more than passing glimpses and a brief catalogue of Springfield's sons and daughters who are now laboring in pagan lands, or have already made the supreme sacrifice, or are preparing for service on foreign shores. Maryknoll, the Sisters of St. Ann, the Franciscan Missionaries of Mary, the White African Fathers, the Missionaries of the Immaculate Conception, the Society of Mary, the Order of the Holy Cross, and doubtless others, have welcomed them to their membership. Especially prominent in this honor roll of our missionaries are the Sisters of St. Ann and the Maryknoll priests and sisters. The work of both has exercised a strong attraction upon the generous hearts of our young people. Eight young women from our diocese, wearing the habit of St. Ann, are doing missionary work among the Eskimo Indians in the difficult Alaskan field, while



Rev. James E. McDermott, M.M.
Worcester
Missionary in South China



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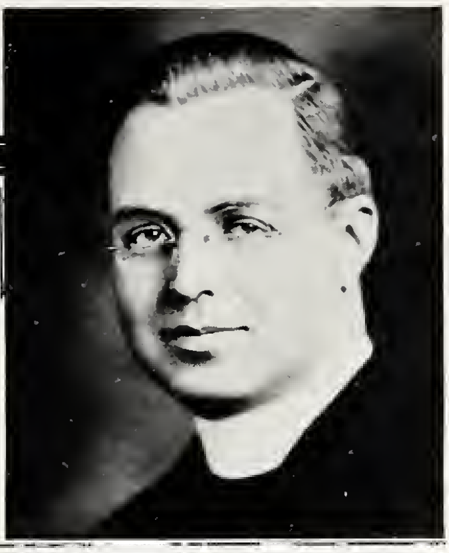
Missionary in South China



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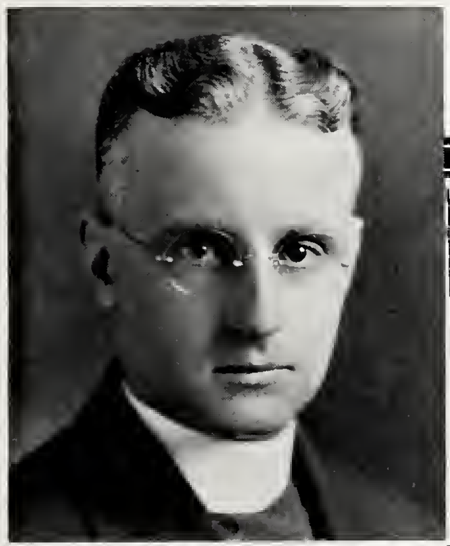
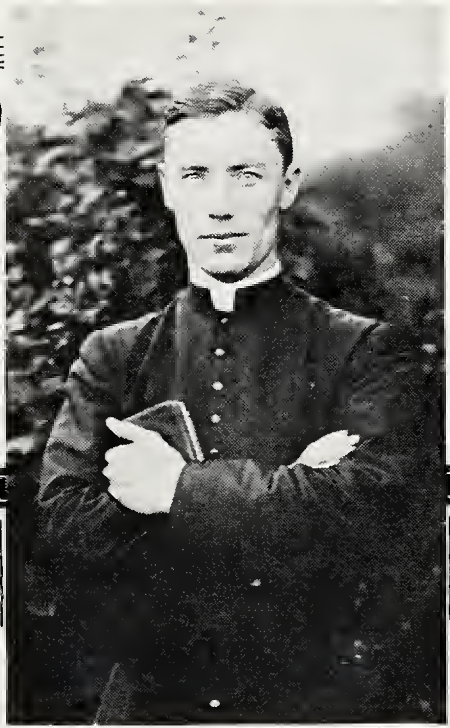
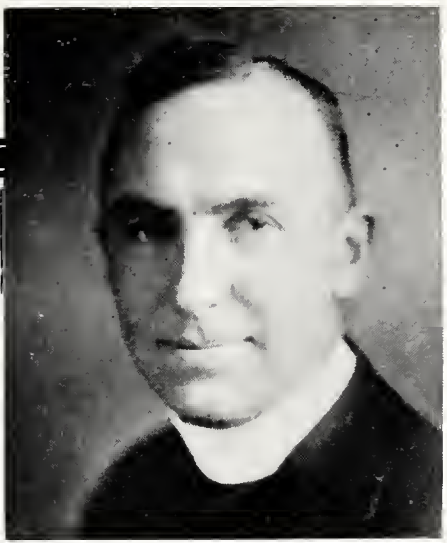
Springfield
Missionary in Manchuria



Rev. Joseph P. Ryan, M.M.
Worcester
Missionary in South China



Rev. Frederick E. Fitzgerald, M.M.
Holyoke
Missionary in Honolulu



Rev. Joseph W. Connors, M.M.
Pittsfield
Missionary in Korea

Maryknoll Missionary Fathers From Our Diocese

SONS OF OUR DIOCESE SERVING AS MISSIONARY BROTHERS IN INDIA AND KOREA

Brother Vital, C. S. C. (Gideon Giboleau, Three Rivers), Holy Cross Missionary Brother now serving in Burma, India.

Brother William Neary, M.M., Pittsfield, Maryknoll Missionary Brother now serving in Korea.

Maryknoll, for the Orient, has claimed the generous allegiance of six priests, thirteen sisters, and two brothers. We have been fortunate in obtaining some interesting pictures of many of our missionaries and reproduce them here as our tribute of admiration for those who form the advance guard of the Faith on Catholicity's frontiers and Springfield's devoted representatives in fields afar—far from home and country, but close to the grateful Heart of Jesus. Lack of space and material obliges us to follow the principle "by one judge all," and pay here a brief tribute to our first missionary sister, Mother Mary Lawrence of Jesus, F.M.M.

The late Mother Mary Lawrence of Jesus, with two grateful beneficiaries of her charity.

"THEN came the end, and, in the forenoon of Good Friday, April 6, 1917, Mother Mary Lawrence rendered back into the hands of its Creator one of the purest and noblest souls that the womanhood of America has ever given to the mission field of the Catholic Church." With these words an Irish missionary in Africa closes his tribute to Springfield's first nun among the missionaries, who gave her life for the Faith in China. Though born in Canada in 1880, she was a product of our diocese, for, in her early youth, her family moved to Worcester, where she was graduated from the parish schools of Notre Dame, and then went to work in a factory.

REV. ROBERT J. CAIRNS, M.M. *(Center)*, OF WORCESTER AND MARYKNOLL
With a group of his Chinese parishioners, at his mission in South China.

Marie Comtois by birth, she became Sister Mary Lawrence of Jesus in religion, and died as Mother Mary Lawrence of Jesus, superior of a Chinese missionary cluster of buildings, which included a home for the aged, an orphanage, and a boarding school for girls.

She joined the Franciscan Missionaries of Mary, at Quebec, in 1904, and made her first vows two years later. She served for a time as an assistant to the superior in New York, where she made her final vows in 1909. After three years' service among the poor of our metropolis, she went to Rome as mistress of novices. Within two years, she received her appointment to China, took part in that sad farewell in which the sisters at home kiss the feet of those who are to bear the tidings of the Gospel to foreign lands, and set out for the "field afar," where, three years later, the priest who administered the last sacraments wrote of her: "To write of a saint, the writer, to do justice to his subject, should be a saint."

Mother Lawrence's three years at Chang Chung, in China, were years of unremitting labor among the poor, the abandoned, in that pagan atmosphere where infancy and age are cast out to die—they are burdens which no one feels any obligation to bear. They came to her, with their starvation, their filth, their ulcers, their running sores, and were received until the last penny and the last crust of the institution were exhausted. All were received with a smile, a prayer to St. Joseph to inspire her American friends to aid, and

Rev. Frederick E. Fitzgerald, M.M., of Holyoke and Maryknoll, missionary in Honolulu, Hawaii, with a first communion class of children of many races and mixtures of races.

Rev. Joseph W. Connors, M.M., of Pittsfield and Maryknoll, Missionary in Korea, is shown with his Korean language teacher, getting acquainted with a language more difficult than Chinese.

Rev. Albert J. Murphy, M.M. (WITH FAN), *of Springfield and Maryknoll, at the Maryknoll Mission Headquarters in Fuchun, Manchuria. Father Murphy is now at Antung, on the Manchu-Korean border.*

her trust in God was never disappointed. Many a time the American mail saved the house from the very starvation from which the house was striving to shelter others. In her prayer book, she gratefully wrote the names of her benefactors and whispered them to her Eucharistic God at daily Mass.

Dreaded smallpox ended her career of charity. As she lay dying, breathing resignation to God's will, she seemed to hear angel voices in celestial music. When these died away, she asked the sisters kneeling by her bed to sing the sacred mission hymns. They complied with her request, in spite of their grief-stricken hearts, and amid the gentle strains of these chants she loved, she gave back to God the noble soul which spent and was spent in His glorious service, among the poorest of His poor, the neediest of His needy.

Her example turned the eyes of Springfield's generous youth to the demands of pagan lands on Christian charity and, where we had a lone representative here and there, in China, fifteen years ago, we today take pride in scores who have heard the voices of Africa and Asia, the call of Japan and China, and are treading in the footsteps of the Saviour, sometimes to new Calvaries, sometimes to Easter triumphs, always to the spread of that Faith which includes all things whatsoever He has commanded.

TOGETHER with the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, its junior branch, the Holy Childhood, was established in our midst, and Mission Sunday in October became the day to enroll our children in this great crusade of Catholic innocents to save pagan innocents. Disregard of human life, and especially child life, has always been characteristic of paganism. In ancient pagan days, children who were undesirable for any reason were ruthlessly put to death, or abandoned on the hillside or roadside to die. This was the fate from which Christianity saved little ones, this was the barbarity condemned by Our Saviour's loving words: "Suffer the little ones to come unto Me," and the warning that their protecting angels appear before the face of His Father in heaven. With the coming of Christianity, all human life became sacred, and especially the innocent child life of which Our Saviour said: "Unless ye become as

UPPER—*Pupils of a Catholic normal school, at Malabon, Philippine Islands, with their Maryknoll teachers, and practice classes. Sister Mary Caritas McCabe, O.P., of Worcester and Maryknoll, is seen at extreme right, center row.*

LOWER—*Classes of a Catholic mission school, at Wailuku, Hawaiian Islands, conducted by the Foreign Mission Sisters of St. Dominic, from Maryknoll. Sister Mary Beata Mackie, O.P., of Pittsfield and Maryknoll, is seen at extreme right. This group is typical of the variety of nationalities found in the Hawaiian Islands.*

Scenes at the Maryknoll Mission, Korea, where Sister Mary Frances Teresa Hesse, O.P., of Pittsfield and Maryknoll, is working. LEFT—*Children and sisters at recreation.* RIGHT—*Home for aged women.*

these little ones, ye shall not enter the Kingdom of Heaven."

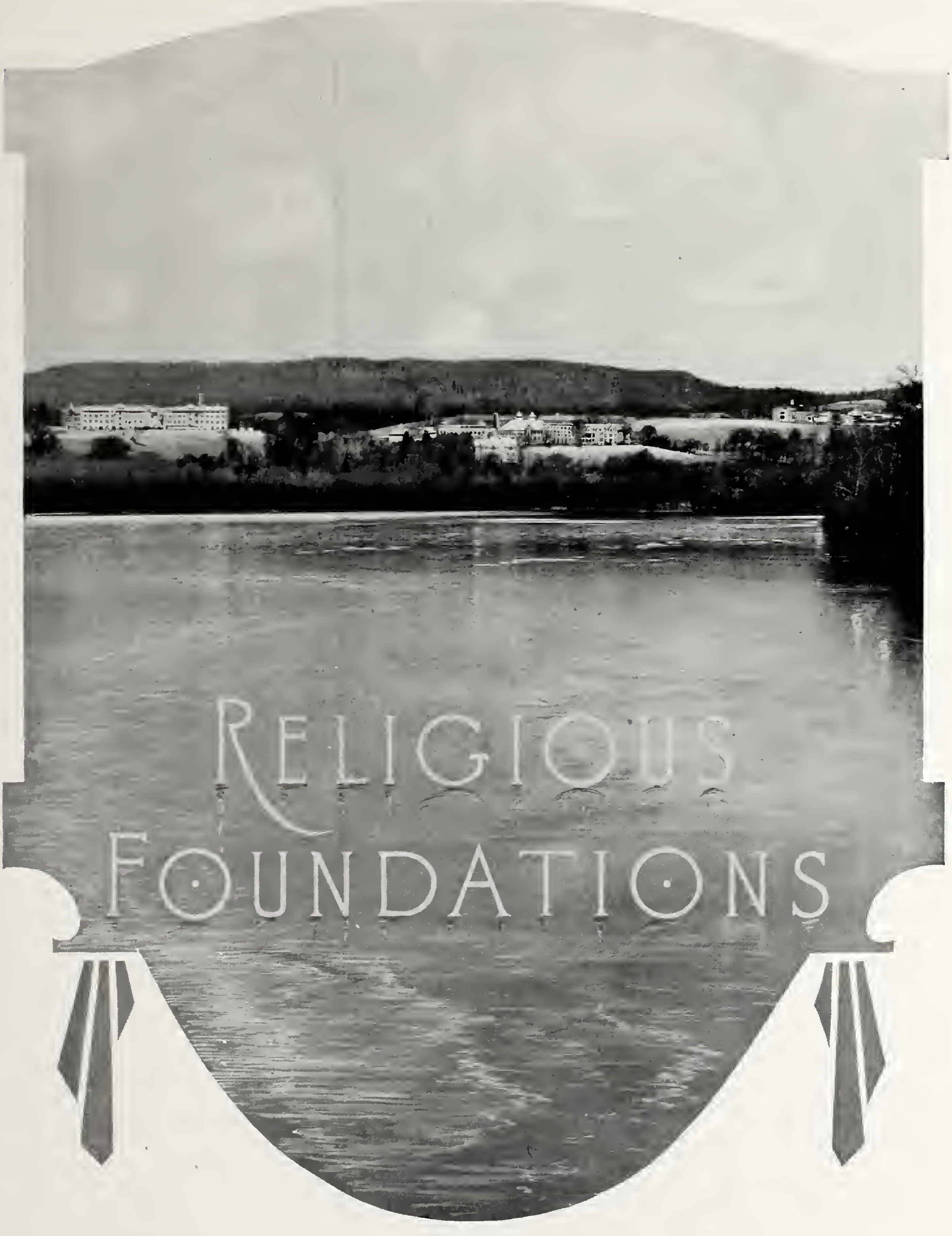
There is no better way to bring home to children the value of their Catholic faith than to remind them that paganism still exists, that children are still drowned or abandoned at the whim of parents, and that the temporal and eternal salvation of these little ones is the best of all acts of gratitude, the most appropriate of all works for Catholic children. This is the thought behind the Holy Childhood Association: it blesses pagan children and blesses Catholic children. It "blesses him that gives and him that takes." It brings the light of the Faith to pagan little ones; it brings appreciation of what that light means to our Catholic children.

This thought first occurred to two lovers of childhood and lovers of the Faith: Pauline Jaricot, who organized the Propagation of the Faith, and Bishop Janson, a Parisian exiled by the political upheavals of his time. They met in 1842, and the result of their conference was the birth of the Holy Childhood Association, composed of Catholic children who donate a penny a month to the salvation of pagan children and utter one Hail Mary daily with the ejaculation: "Holy Virgin, Mary, pray for us, and for the poor pagan children."

During the fourscore years of its existence, the children of the Catholic world have rallied enthusiastically to its support. The thought of wagons, in pagan countries, gathering up abandoned children from the gutters, as though they were garbage, the thought of little ones thrown into a river after birth, aroused their deep sympathy. The results accomplished are a tribute at once to the loving generosity of our little ones and the great necessity of the movement begun in 1842. It is estimated that the Association has baptized 23,000,000 pagan children. When these rescued waifs have lived, they have been cared for in Catholic orphanages to become a Catholic nucleus in the conversion of a pagan land. The pennies of the little ones maintain 1600 orphanages, 13,000 schools, and five thousand industrial institutions and dispensaries. Yearly, half a million babies are baptized, and, at any given time, over half a million others are being housed and trained in the homes and schools of the Association. This grand total is at once an eloquent commentary on the power of the penny, and the generosity of our children, to whom the penny stands for sweets and goodies.

Generally, the diocesan director of the Holy Childhood is the same priest as the director of the Propagation. Father Hurley is in charge of both in our diocese, and the organizations parallel each other. Loyal directors and promoters cover the parish and report results to the diocesan head, who, in turn, transmits the sums collected to the national head and the mission fields. Here, again, the individual contribution is negligible, but the marvelous work accomplished shows the power of numbers and the necessity of enrolling every Catholic child in the association which means so much both to himself and to the poor pagan children, still victims of the barbarous doctrines which the Saviour died to abolish.

RELIGIOUS FOUNDATIONS



THE PRIDE OF THE SPRINGFIELD DIOCESE
A hillside of Catholic religious and charitable institutions

MORE RECENT

Religious Foundations

During the present century, four new religious communities took up their abode in our diocese — the Vincentians in 1903, the Passionist Fathers, the Franciscans and the Dominican Sisters in the present episcopal reign. The first three are essentially missionary orders, preaching missions and retreats, as their principal calling, while the Passionists also conduct the Bishop O'Leary Retreat House for laymen at their West Springfield home. The Dominican Sisters are a cloistered order who conduct a perpetual vigil of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament — our only cloistered community.

The Congregation of St. Vincent de Paul

The Springfield home of the Fathers of St. Vincent de Paul is at Long Hill, in our episcopal city. It was established in 1903 and was incorporated the following year under the laws of Massachusetts as a foundation for "the promotion of the cause of religion, charity and education, by furnishing a home for the Priests of the Congregation of St. Vincent de Paul, especially for those who are engaged in giving missions in New England to reclaim the fallen and the sinner, to relieve them from the evils under which they labor, and to bring them to an orderly and virtuous life." The original incorporators were all priests of the congregation whose names are familiar throughout our diocese because of their labors in the mission field: Fathers Conroy, Downing, Piper, Rosa, Maune, McGill and Moore. The first named was the local superior at the time of the incorporation, and the present head is Rev. Charles McKenzie, who, with seven others, constitute the local group which carries on vigorously the works of the charter.

Beautiful white Carrara marble statue of St. Vincent de Paul, which stands in St. Vincent's Hospital, Worcester.

As its name indicates, this order owes its origin to the great organizer and patron of Catholic charities, St. Vincent de Paul, whose work for the salvation of the poor and outcasts of society was given permanent form in the congregation popularly called Vincentians, but technically the Congregation of the Missions. Hence the C. M. after the names of the members. For over a quarter of a century, this home at Long Hill has been a center from which priests have covered our diocese and gone far beyond its confines, to conduct their impressive and spiritually efficacious missions and retreats. The names of Fathers Tracy, Conroy, Brady, Walsh, McManus, Rosensteel, and others, are almost as well known among us as those of our own diocesan mission band.

Their object, of course, is to emulate the zeal, charity and love of souls which make the name of St. Vincent de Paul synonymous with these virtues. He cared for the waifs abandoned by their parents and saved to useful Christian lives thousands who otherwise would have perished in the streets or grown up to be a menace to society. He took the place of the galley slave, that the poor outcast might return to home and family. The inmates of the seventeen prisons of France became a special object of his solicitude. His great spiritual projects could not be carried on singlehanded, and so he organized the Sisters of Charity and the Congregation of the Missions, whose zeal, inflamed by his own, has not been dampened by the lapse of centuries.

This congregation came to the United States in 1816, at the request of the Bishop of New Orleans, and rendered yeoman service to the infant Church in the Mississippi Valley. Gradually, it answered the appeal of the bishops in the east, took charge of seminaries and colleges and carried on its missionary activities from new centers. Today, its motherhouse is at Germantown, Pennsylvania, while its eastern mission bands radiate from homes at Germantown and Niagara, as well as Springfield.

The members of this congregation, called Vincentians, from their founder, are also called Lazarists, from the Priory of St. Lazare, at Paris, which became the headquarters of St. Vincent de Paul himself, during his lifetime.

The Congregation of St. Paul of the Cross

On the invitation of Rt. Rev. Thomas M. O'Leary, Bishop of Springfield, the Congregation of St. Paul of the Cross came to our diocese in 1922, and, the following year, began the construction of the noble edifice in Spanish mission style which looks down from Monastery Heights upon West Springfield. The new building is a home to which the Passionist Fathers may retire for needed rest after their strenuous exertions on the missions, as well as a novitiate where at present twenty-six novices are preparing for their life-work. The order of exercises for those at the monastery includes the chanting of the office in choir, while all rise at night for Matins. In all, five hours of each day are devoted to devotions, while there is a regular daily routine of study and other duties.

Most striking is the characteristic garb of this congregation. The habit is black, but each bears over his heart a white Sacred Heart on a black background. The Heart is surmounted by a Cross, and, over it, are the words: "The Passion of Jesus Christ." Beneath the inscription are three nails, interlaced, placed within the Heart, to remind us that Our Saviour's Passion must ever be a sacred memory in our heart of hearts. This emblematic reminder of the Passion is the direct result of a vision in which Our Lady appeared to St. Paul of the Cross. She was garbed in black, wore this emblem of the Passion over her heart, and, after commanding him to form a new congregation, added: "Its members shall be clothed as you see me clothed, and they shall continually mourn the Passion and Death of my Son." All who have attended a Passionist mission and are familiar with the large crucifix on the improvised platform and the impressive apostrophe which closes each service, know how well that command is being carried out by a congregation which, ten years ago, observed the second centennial of its establishment.

Besides giving missions and retreats to clergy and laity, the sons of St. Paul of the Cross opened the first retreat house in our diocese, for laymen, though annual retreats for laymen had been held at Holy Cross College, and at "The Elms," in Chicopee, for some years previous. The retreat house bears the name of Bishop O'Leary, who cordially approved of its inauguration that the men of his diocese might, under its fostering direction, "form themselves into a body of apostolic, enlightened and zealous Catholics, who will take an active interest in all parochial and diocesan activities, and become the effective leaders that are demanded by the development of the Church." Our far-sighted Chief Shepherd knows that the lay apostolate will amount to little without the lay leadership which commands respect and confidence, and the spiritual molding of that lay leadership is largely the work of the lay retreat.

In the comparatively few years of its existence, the Bishop O'Leary Retreat House, which accommodates fifty at one time, has completed one hundred and twenty-five retreats, at which the average attendance has been thirty-five—a grand total of over

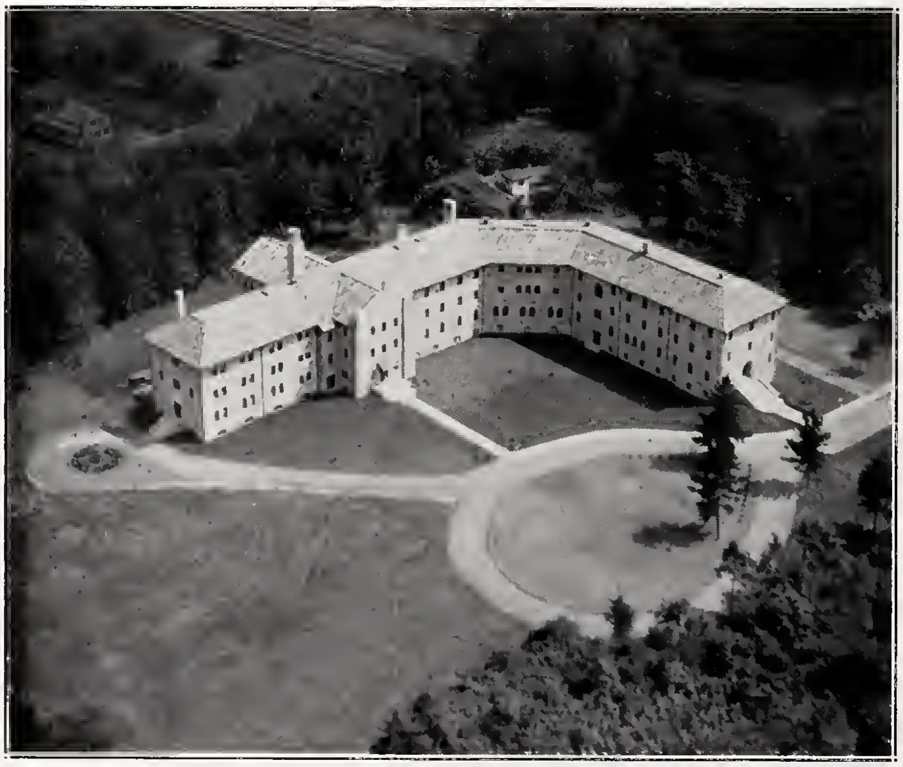


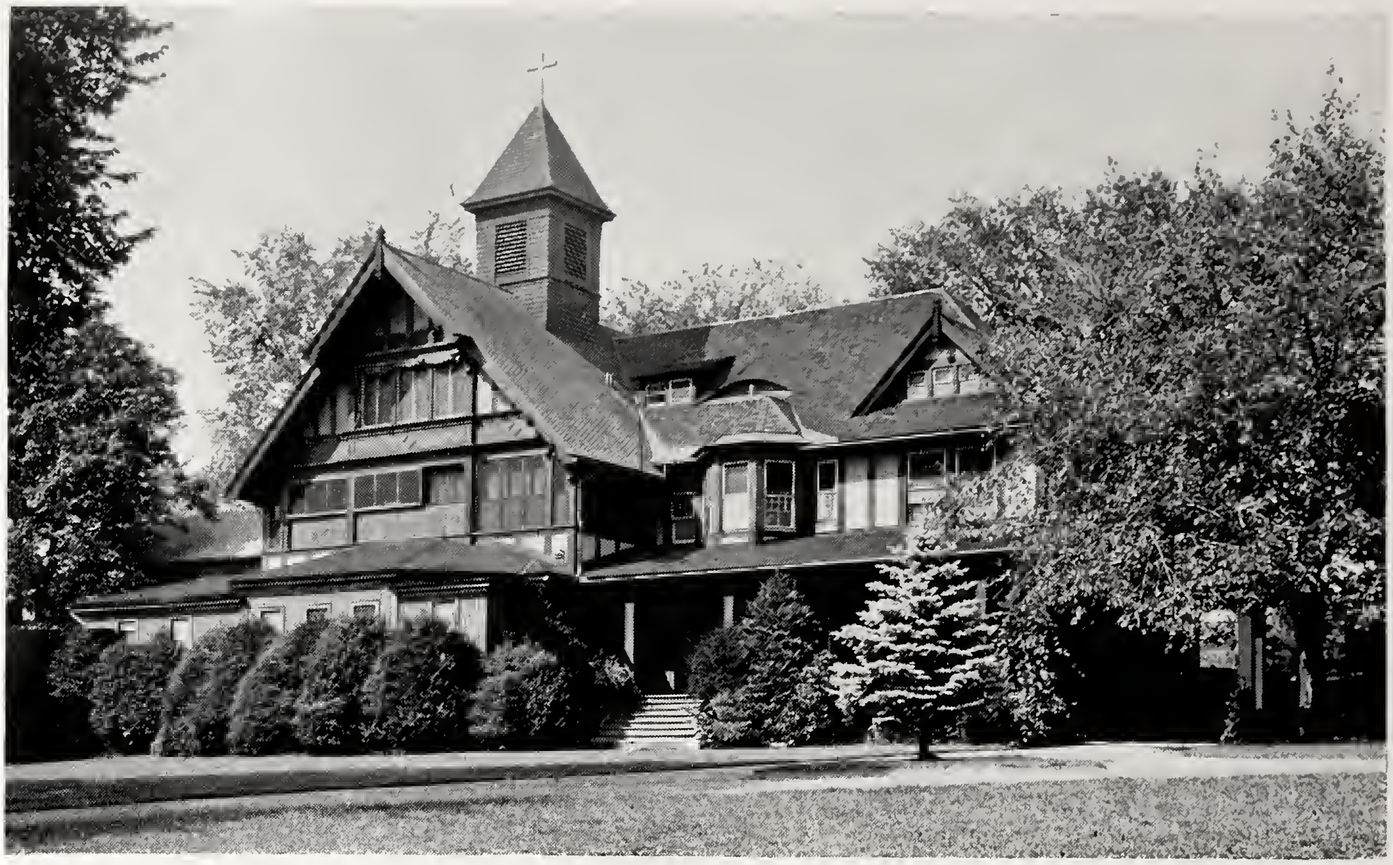
Photo by L. W. Bell

Airplane View, Passionist Monastery of Our Mother of Sorrows, West Springfield.

Choir Chapel, Passionist Monastery of Our Mother of Sorrows

forty-three hundred. Thus far, the groups have organized by societies, professions, etc., but henceforth they are to organize by parishes, and Father O'Connell and Father Dolan of West Springfield were the first to personally conduct groups of their parishioners to begin this new order, of which Bishop O'Leary officially approves.

The Passionist Congregation, over two centuries old, has been in America since 1852, and is approaching the close of its first decade in our diocese. The present personnel of the West Springfield monastery, of which the official title is Monastery of the Mother of Sorrows, consists of Father Hilarion O'Rourke, rector; Father Coleman Byrne, his assistant; Father Alexander Crocker, master of novices, and Father Nilus McAllister, director of retreats, and the following missionary priests, whose names have become familiar in many of our parishes: Fathers Norbert, Augustine, Bonaventure, Bede, Linus, Cletus, Leonard, Casimir, Oswald, Raymond, Frederick, Fulgentius and Alban. Incidentally, Father Norbert has been preaching missions for half a century, and still preaches with the zeal and vigor of youth. He is the monastery's "grand old man of the missions."



Dominican Monastery of the Mother of God, West Springfield

The Dominican Nuns of the Perpetual Rosary

In the fall of 1922, the Dominican Sisters of the Perpetual Rosary accepted the invitation of Right Reverend Bishop O'Leary to open the first cloister of a contemplative order in our diocese, and began humbly in a modest home on Ingersoll Grove, Springfield. The new foundation was blessed with so many vocations that it soon outgrew its original quarters and was fortunate enough to acquire the spacious and secluded Nye estate, in West Springfield. There, on September 8, 1926, fifth anniversary of his consecration, Right Reverend Bishop O'Leary established perpetual adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, together with episcopal enclosure, thus giving to his diocese the blessed intercession of those whose Eucharistic prayers and whose recitation of the Holy Rosary never cease.

Though cloistered, and hence never appearing beyond the confines of their monastery, these good sisters lead a life of endless industry within the precincts of their sacred enclosure. They make beautiful vestments and banners, supply altar breads to many parishes, do exquisite work in painting and embroidery, and, in general, are skilled in whatever tends to beautify the services of our church liturgy. Readers of *The* Catholic Mirror are familiar with the announcements of novenas and devotions at this Dominican Monastery of the Mother of God, in which all their benefactors are continually remembered in the decades of the Rosary that knows no ceasing and the Eucharistic petitions that know no interruption.

Where seven Dominican Nuns arrived in Springfield, in 1922, forty-one now serve our diocese, living sanctuary lamps before God's altar throne. Many of these fervent and generous souls were recruited from the womanhood of our own diocese. Because of this rapid growth, calling for the immediate purchase of more commodious quarters, which were found in the Nye property, on Riverdale Street, and the expense of making the Nye house suitable for a cloistered religious home, the Dominican Sisters have assumed an indebtedness which would appall anyone except a religious community. A Dominican auxiliary, composed of lay men and women, organized for their aid, helps to relieve them financially.

At Christmas, 1928, our Holy Father, Pius XI, conferred upon this young community the privileges of papal enclosure, entailing the obligation of solemn vows. This enclosure, the strictest known in the Church, and granted to only seven other communities in the United States, was applied to their monastery on August 4, 1930, the feast of St. Dominic, patronal feast of the Dominican Order, and on this occasion all the sisters who had already made their final simple vows pronounced solemn vows. Henceforth all final vows made at the Dominican Monastery will be solemn. Springfield's contemplative sisters are now "nuns" in the canonical sense of the word, and, as the expression "papal enclosure" implies, in direct dependence, through our Right Reverend Bishop, on the Holy See. Their postulants have from six months to a year of probation before receiving the habit of the Dominican Order, and another year before making their first vows, which are temporary and simple vows. After this profession, three years must elapse before the sisters pronounce their solemn vows, which are not only perpetual, but irrevocable. Except for the chosen few who, on rare occasions, may go forth to establish similar communities in other localities, these sisters will never leave their West Springfield monastery. They will serve our diocese always by their lives of prayer and penance.

This Dominican house, of course, is a branch of the great Dominican Order of Preachers, of which St. Dominic was the founder, early in the thirteenth century, and its sisters wear the historic garb of all Dominicans. Any sketch of Dominican activities must needs carry us back, for its beginnings, to the eldest daughter of the Church of God, France, and to the time when the Church was writhing and groaning under the most baneful and insidious heresy that ever threatened her worldly existence. It was a crisis in the history of Christian faith, a vital crisis in the history of human education. Looking back from the summit of the centuries, there is one stirring memory to it all: God had never abandoned His Church in the past, He was not to abandon it then.

When conditions were most critical, the Providence of God led the saintly Dominic from his native Spain to Languedoc, fairest of the provinces of France, center of the destructive Albigensian activities, and heartsore from their ravages. There he dedicated his God-given talents to the crushing of this monster heresy. For a year and more after his coming, in 1205, he preached in the churches and the market places, but God gave no evident sign of success. The task seemed hopeless when, tradition tells us, our Blessed Mother appeared to St. Dominic, revealed to him her Rosary, and commissioned him to explain its beautiful devotion to a deluded people. It was her testament, as Queen of Heaven, to an unhappy world, a proof of her undying interest in the great body of Christians who look up to her as their Mother.

The first fruit of Dominic's work was the conversion of a number of women, who had been the most active propagandists of the Albigensians. To preserve their faith from all antagonistic influences, he procured from the Bishop of Toulouse the Church of Notre Dame of Prouille, and on the adjacent land he had a modest dwelling hastily built, as a refuge for his first converts. This became the cradle of the future Dominican Order. Dominic wished to associate these fervent souls with the great work which, though ripening in his mind, had not yet blossomed into life. Hence he formed them into a community of cloistered nuns, to plead for the world they had left and to do penance for it in a life hidden with Christ in God. So, in 1206, the Second Order of St. Dominic, as it is now called, came into being, *first in point of time* of the three orders founded by him, antedating *by ten years* the foundation of the Friars Preachers, which took place in 1216, and was soon followed by the institution of the Third Order, composed at first exclusively of lay persons in the world, many of whom later formed themselves into communities devoted to active works of charity, and known today as the "active" Dominican Sisters.

Thus, we see that the Second Order of Dominicans has been essentially contemplative since the days of St. Dominic, who used to call its members the Sisters Preachers, because by their prayers and their penances they contributed to the success of the labors of the Friars, and so to the salvation of souls. The Dominican Nuns are here in the Diocese of Springfield as the lineal descendants of those first contemplative nuns organized by the apostolic Dominic, who endowed our Christian life with the most affectionate and powerful of all the devotions which bind us to the Mother of God, her Most Holy Rosary. They are called Nuns of the Perpetual Rosary by reason of their special end—to form a living, perpetual Rosary. In convents of the Perpetual Rosary, there is always, at all hours of the day and night, at least one nun kneeling in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament and reciting the Rosary.

Our Right Reverend Bishop invited the Dominican Nuns to our diocese to give us one cloistered community whose vocation it would be to pray for the diocese, its clergy, its laity, its religious, its manifold needs and works, and by their holy lives, to avert God's wrath. Our Dominican Nuns have labored in this way in our midst for nearly a decade of years, maintaining perpetual adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament; offering in the Divine Presence their choral recitation of the Divine Office, beginning each night at midnight, their nocturnal Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, their Rosaries, their mental prayers, their Communions, their fasts, their austerities, their continual meditation on the holy mysteries of the Rosary, through the almost unbroken silence of their days of labor, together with their endeavor to practice more and more the virtues inculcated therein—offering in the Divine Presence their lives of ceaseless prayer and heroic virtue for the needs of all mankind, and in a special manner for the clergy and the people of the Diocese of Springfield.

Like all new foundations, particularly contemplative foundations, the Dominican Nuns are hampered in the full realization of their mission by financial burdens. A few small benefactions made possible their establishment, both on Ingersoll Grove and in West Springfield. With the earnings of brush, needle, pen, altar-bread machine, supplemented by the charitable and thank offerings of the faithful, they manage with difficulty, to house, clothe and feed themselves and to maintain the diocesan altar of perpetual adoration. Linked with their cloistered mission of prayer and penance they have also an active apostolate—to increase in the lives of our laity true devotion to our Eucharistic Lord and to Mary's holy Rosary.

VIEW OF THE DOMINICAN MONASTERY FROM RIVERDALE STREET
The high fence seen at the reader's left marks the limits of the Sisters' outdoor cloister.

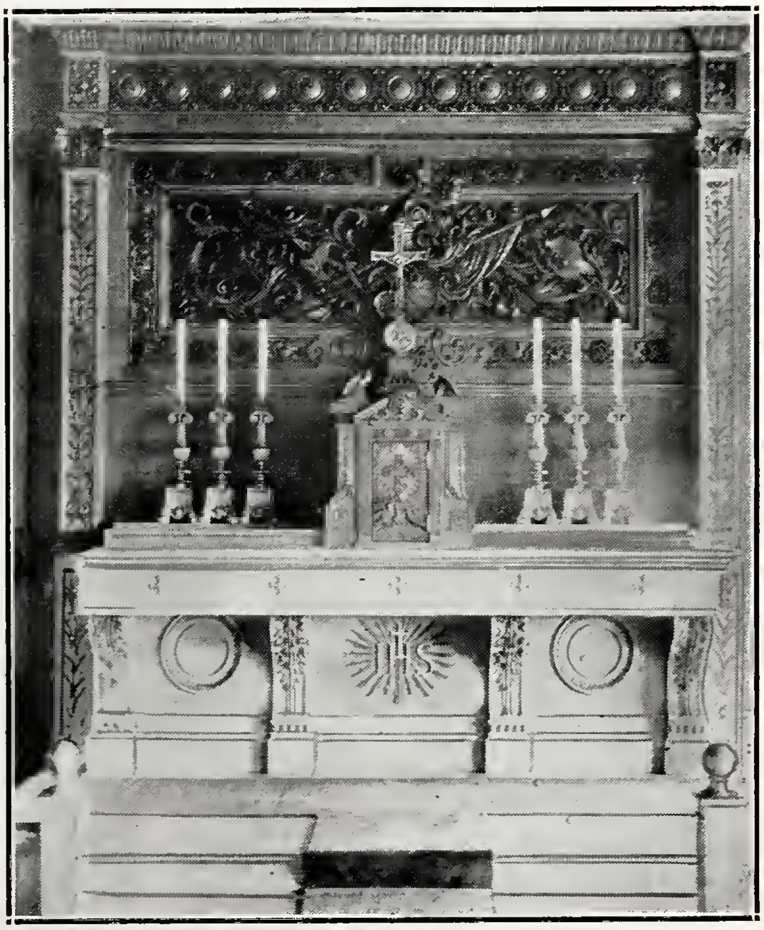
Saint Stanislaus Novitiate—Shadowbrook

The Jesuit Novitiate of Saint Stanislaus

Though the Jesuit Fathers were the first religious teachers in our diocese, their novitiate at Lenox is of comparatively recent origin, and serves as a training place for the relatively new province established when New England was severed from the New York-Maryland division of the Order. In reality, Shadowbrook lies partly in Stockbridge and partly in Lenox. This splendid property, in the heart of the health-giving Berkshire hills, was acquired from the heirs of Andrew Carnegie, in 1922, and remodelled to meet the demands of a novitiate. There, postulants, or newcomers, pass a short period of probation until the receiving of the habit, whereupon they become novices, and enter their preparation for their Jesuit labors.

There are two groups of novices: the scholastics, who are preparing for classroom work and ordination to the priesthood, and the lay brothers, who desire to devote their lives to God's service, without entering Holy Orders. In prayer and study of the rule, the preparatory periods of both are similar, but in other respects progress along different lines.

The scholastic novices spend their first two years in spiritual exercises, manual labor and certain studies whose object is to prevent mental retrogression. They then take their vows, and pass



Marble Altar in Chapel at Shadowbrook Novitiate.

North Entrance, Shadowbrook

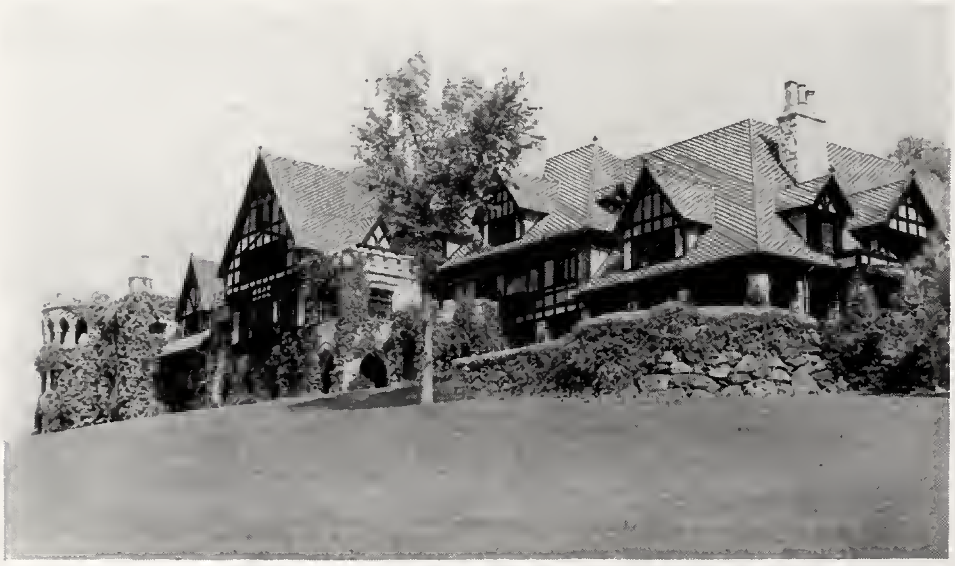
Southern Exposure, Shadowbrook

on to another two years, called the juniorate, in which they study intensively Latin, Greek and English classics, as well as history, pedagogy and modern languages. In a word, they study what they are going to teach, and how to teach it. To these are added courses in debating, elocution, and special lectures. The Latin language is spoken, except in periods of recreation.

The lay brothers, ordinarily, have not had the preliminary education of the scholastics, and so prepare to look after the temporal interests of the Order. Their previous training as farmers, machinists, cooks, blacksmiths, etc., is developed, and they take charge later, as they do at Shadowbrook, of the infirmary, the kitchen, the heating plant, the gardens and similar departments. The lay brothers take the ordinary vows of the Society of Jesus, and share in the merits of its good works equally with the scholastics and professed fathers. Many of them have attained heroic sanctity, and one of their number has been canonized.

The first head of Shadowbrook was Rev. J. Harding Fisher, S.J., whose present successor is Rev. William A. Rice, S.J., assisted by Rev. Peter J. Dolin, S.J., as administrator, Rev. John J. Smith, S.J., as Master of Novices, and Rev. John A. Madden, S.J., as assistant Master of Novices; Rev. Thomas F. White, S.J., as Treasurer and spiritual Father, and Rev. Cornelius A. Murphy, S.J., as Assistant Treasurer. The present year, the household at Shadowbrook numbers ten priests, forty-nine juniors, ten lay brothers, sixty-eight scholastic novices, thirteen lay brother novices and four lay brother postulants.

From Shadowbrook the novices go to Weston for a three years' course in Philosophy. Both at Shadowbrook and Weston there is instruction in the composition and delivery of sermons, which are given at meals. On completion of their studies at Weston, the Jesuits are prepared to enter upon their active life in the classroom, at Holy Cross, Boston College or Boston College High School. Since the New England Province of the Jesuits was separated from the New York-Maryland division, the Fathers of this section teach only in the New England branch of the order.



This view of St. Stanislaus' Novitiate, from the south, reveals the size and beauty of the building.

Saint Hyacinth's Seminary, Granby

Franciscan Seminary of Saint Hyacinth

The youngest of our religious foundations is Saint Hyacinth's Seminary, at Granby, solemnly dedicated by Bishop O'Leary in June, 1927, as a house of philosophical and theological studies for the Franciscan Fathers, Minor Conventuals. This establishment is the major seminary of St. Anthony's Province, in which the Fathers are of Polish birth or extraction. Though the Granby house of studies is of recent origin, the Franciscan Fathers have labored in our diocese since the dawn of the present century, and at various times have had charge of Polish parishes in Webster and Ludlow, in addition to their present parishes in Holyoke and Chicopee.

This Polish province of St. Anthony was organized about twenty-five years ago, to do missionary work among our Polish populations. There was an immediate demand for the services of the Fathers, wherever their people had settled, from New England to the Mississippi. They were called upon to take charge of parishes, to conduct missions, to open schools, and they met every request cheerfully and successfully.

With the increase of vocations which followed inevitably upon the multiplication of institutions under Franciscan auspices, the need of a seminary

Altar in chapel of seminary, brought from shrine of St. Francis at Assisi, where it stood for over a century.

became more and more vital. When the opportunity presented itself to obtain the large piece of land in the open country at Granby, situated a convenient distance from several centers of population, the Franciscans availed themselves of it, and, with Bishop O'Leary's hearty endorsement, they erected the present roomy and sightly house of studies. It accommodates seventy-five students, together with the Fathers and lay brothers. The present personnel is a student body of sixty, a faculty composed of six fathers, and four lay brothers, who look after the manual labor about the premises.

The altar in the pretty college chapel has an interesting history. For more than a century, it stood at the shrine of the Order's founder, St. Francis, at Assisi, and so forms a tangible link between our Springfield foundation and the birthplace of the great Franciscan household. The library, too, has many rare and valuable volumes, which date back to the very beginnings of the printer's art.

The Fathers at Granby have been of great assistance, especially to the Polish flocks of our diocese, but have always shown a willingness to assist other pastors when occasions of sudden need arise. The present faculty at Granby includes the following Franciscan Fathers: Rev. Giles Kaczmarek, Superior O.M.C.; Rev. George Roskwitalski, O.M.C.; Rev. Dominic Szymanski, O.M.C.; Rev. Isidore Piduch, O.M.C.; Rev. Louis Glinski, O.M.C.; Rev. Maurice Bora, O.M.C.

Besides its home at Granby and the parishes which its members conduct, the Franciscans have a lay branch, called the Third Order, which flourishes in such centers as Springfield, Holyoke and Chicopee. In Holyoke, the Third Order has its headquarters in the Mater Dolorosa Parish and Sacred Heart Parish and in Chicopee, in St. Stanislaus Parish; while in Springfield it recently began a flourishing life with five hundred members, at St. Michael's Cathedral.

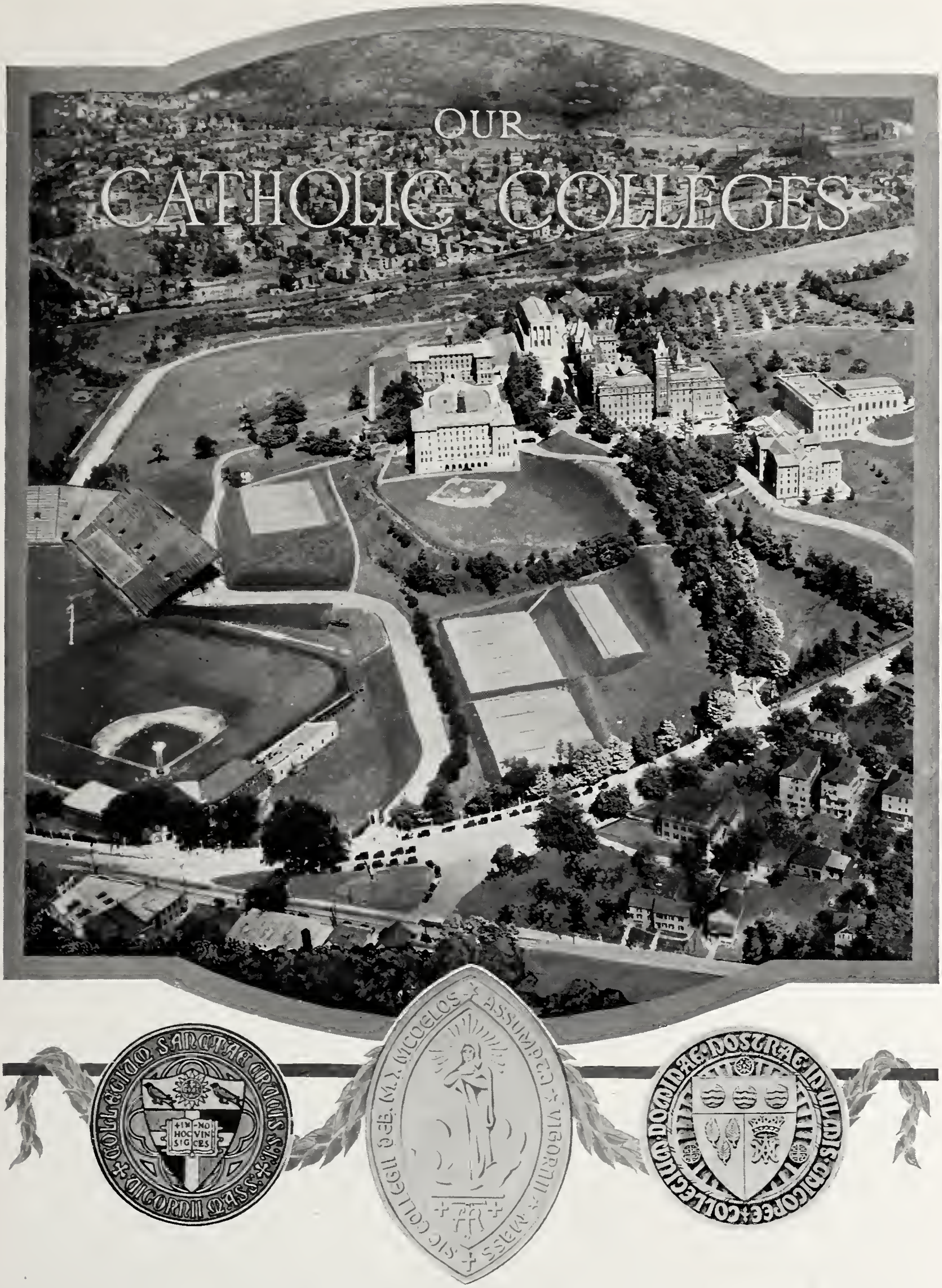
The Tertiaries trace their origin to St. Francis, himself, and the organization thus has enjoyed an unbroken existence of over seven hundred years. Today, it numbers more than three hundred thousand members in the whole world, one-third of whom are in the United States. It aims to inculcate moderation in all things, and to spread the practice of Christian charity. Its obligations do not bind under pain of grievous sin, but depend on the good will of members striving for the ideals of their secular callings, a rule of religious life.

As adapted by the late Pope Leo XIII to our modern needs, the rule includes: the wearing of the small scapular, the avoiding of extremes of fashion, whether in cost or in style, the shunning of dangerous plays, dances and amusements, frugality at table, grace before and after meals, monthly reception of the sacraments, the daily recitation of the office, loyalty to the duties of home life, especially in the matter of good example, protecting those under one's care from bad company and harmful influences, furthering domestic peace, avoiding angry and abusive speech, practicing daily examination of conscience, monthly attendance at meetings, visiting members who are ill, and offering the Rosary and Holy Communion for departed tertiaries.

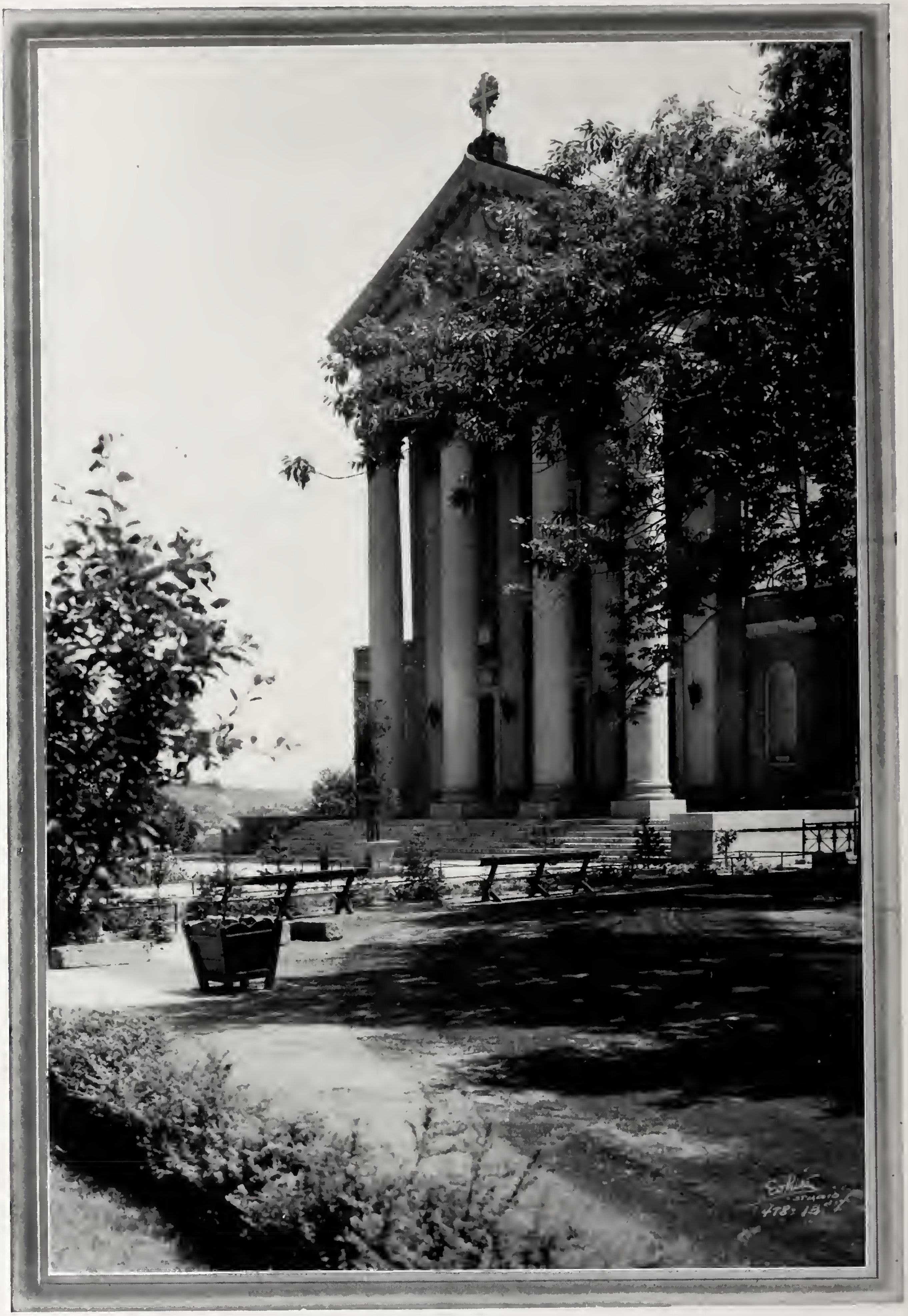
These practices add but little to what any right living Catholic would desire to follow. They enable all, however, to be influenced by the good example of each, and so systematize and supernaturalize these simple Christian duties as to reduce them to rule and order. The Third Order of St. Francis shares in the spiritual benefits, not only of its own devotional exercises and good works, but also of the devoted lives and good works of thirty thousand Franciscan friars and twenty thousand Franciscan nuns.

Library, Franciscan Seminary of Saint Hyacinth, Granby.

OUR CATHOLIC COLLEGES



Airplane View of the College of the Holy Cross, Worcester



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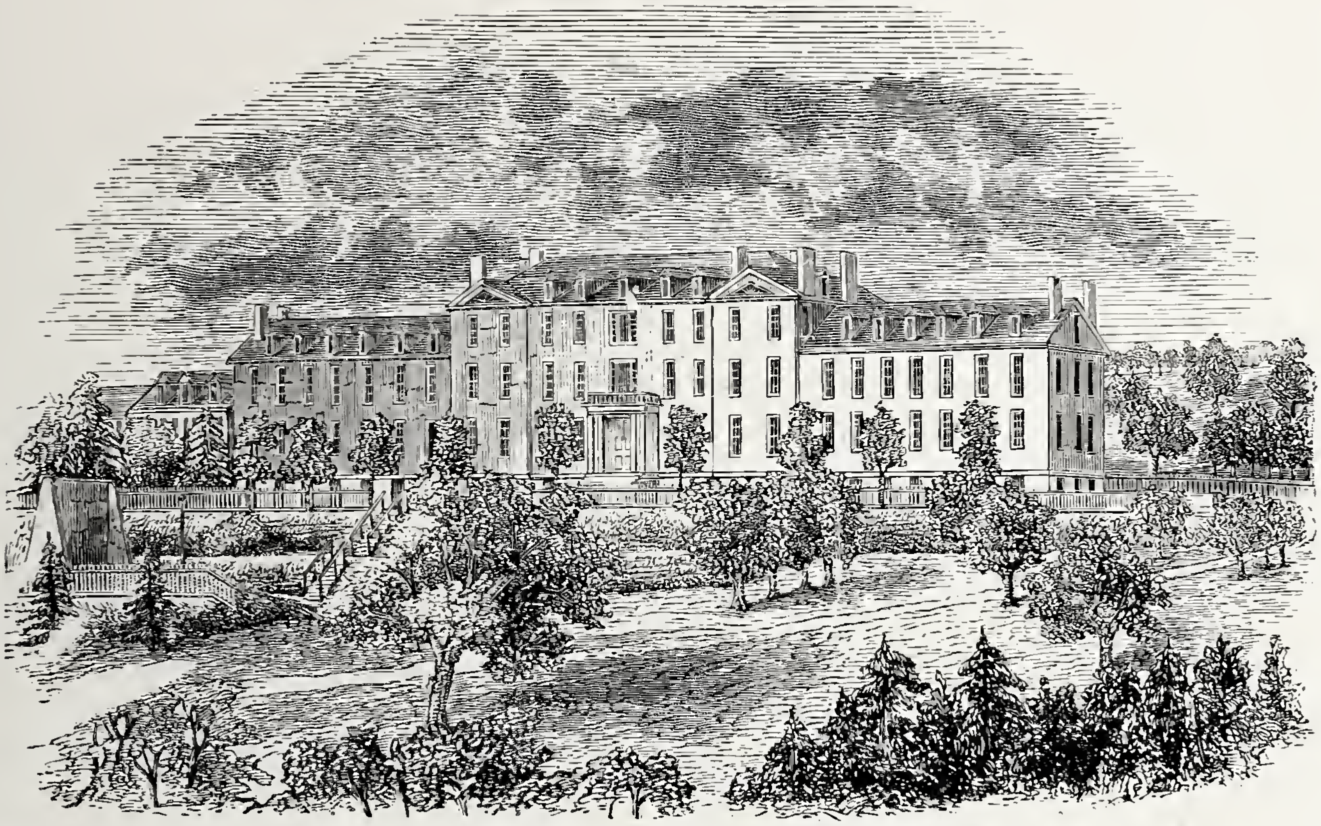
St. Joseph's Memorial Chapel

College of the Holy Cross

Worcester, Massachusetts

Conducted by the Fathers of the Society of Jesus



The College of the Holy Cross was founded in the year 1843, by the Rt. Rev. Benedict Joseph Fenwick, second Bishop of Boston, and is the oldest Catholic College in New England. It had long been a cherished desire of Bishop Fenwick to establish in his diocese, which then included the City of Worcester, an institution for the higher education of Catholic young men. In bringing about the realization of this desire, he was aided by the Rev. James Fitton, who had, as early as 1838, established the Seminary of Mount St. James on the hill which now bears that name, but was then known as Pakachoag, "Hill of Pleasant Springs." This institution, with its sixty acres of land, Father Fitton presented to the Bishop in 1843, and on this site the distinguished prelate determined to build his college. He gave it the name of his cathedral, with the motto and emblem of the Boston diocese—a cross in the heavens, as it appeared to the Emperor Constantine, with its historic legend.

The fact that the site was a gift was not the only consideration that influenced the Bishop in his selection. The healthfulness of the location and the natural beauty of the surrounding scenery were controlling motives. The spot, too, was considered at the time consecrated in local history. Near it the first humble wigwam church of Worcester had been erected by John Eliot, for his Indians, in 1674. The Fathers of the Society of Jesus, who had long been established in Maryland, were invited to organize the courses of

Fenwick Hall *(Left)* and O'Kane Tower *(Right)*

study according to the curriculum of their college at Georgetown, in the District of Columbia, and to take entire charge of the teaching.

On the second day of November, 1843, classes were organized in what was then known as the "Seminary of Mount St. James," and were there continued until January 13, 1844, when the first college building was completed. The cornerstone of the latter was laid by Bishop Fenwick on June 21, 1843. Speaking of this event, the *Catholic Expositor* of August, 1843, describes the purpose of the new institution as "the advancement of the arts, the cultivation of the sciences and the promotion of patriotism, morality, virtue and religion." The same publication describes the first building as a brick structure 104 feet in length and four stories in height "with a fine portico on the centre of the front." The first annual exhibition was held July 29, 1844. The saintly Bishop Fenwick died August 10, 1846, and was buried, in compliance with his own wish, in the college cemetery. He had always taken a deep interest in the success of the college, and a few days before his death, the 6th of August, he had ceded to the Fathers full control and possession of the institution, buildings and grounds, free of incumbrance.

A class of the students who had entered in 1843 and 1844, had advanced to "Philosophy," by which name the Senior year was then known, and were ready for graduation in 1849. The college, therefore, in that year applied to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for the privilege of incorporation. The petition for a charter was presented in March, 1849, and was acted upon early in April. The petitioners were disappointed. The charter was not granted until the year 1865, when the sobering influence of the Civil War had caused all differences of opinion in regard to the college to be set aside.

On the afternoon of July 14, 1852, eight days before the annual Commencement, a fire broke out, which destroyed the whole of the central building. This calamity not only suspended the class exercises, but threatened the very existence of the institution. The Rt. Rev. John B. Fitzpatrick, who was then Bishop of Boston, sympathized heartily with the Faculty, and determined that the college, which had been a monument to his predecessor's zeal for Christian education, should not perish. On the 3rd of October, 1853, the college, enlarged and remodeled, was again ready to receive students. The effect, however, of such a calamity on the young college is shown by the interruption in graduating classes from 1852 to 1858.

The interesting event of incorporation was not long delayed. A petition was presented to the Legislature in the session of 1865. A bill was framed to meet the exigencies of the case, read a third time in the House of Representatives on March 21, and passed without opposition. The Senate confirmed the action of the lower body on March 23, and on the following day the Governor affixed his signature.

THE charter granted to "The Trustees of the College of the Holy Cross, in Worcester, Massachusetts," with other privileges, the power "to confer such degrees as are conferred by any college in this Commonwealth, except medical degrees." This placed the college on an equality, before the Commonwealth, with all other institutions of a similar character. It was no little gratification to the Faculty that their earnest devotion to the cause of religion and education was acknowledged by the State, and it was a source of pride to the students to be able to receive from their Alma Mater, in her own words and over her own seal, the testimony of her approval.

THE seat of the college is on one of the highest of the eminences surrounding the City of Worcester. Towards the north, this "Hill of Pleasant Springs" commands an extensive and most delightful view of Worcester, at the time of the founding of the college a town of hardly 10,000 inhabitants; now a bustling city of more than 190,000, and next to Boston, the largest city in Massachusetts. Over and beyond its many towers and spires and other elevations, looms aloft in the background, against the northern horizon, the summit of Mt. Wachusett, the second highest point in Massachusetts. The educational character of the environment is indicated by the prominent sites of Clark University, Worcester Polytechnic Institute, the State Normal School, Worcester Academy, and seven local High Schools, three of these under Catholic control. The view thus afforded of the busy city, with its succession of hills and intervening val-

Loyola Hall, dormitory building.

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leys, make the location of Holy Cross College most charming and interesting. To this delightful prospect, exceptional advantages of pure air and perfect drainage are added by the high elevation, while the graceful terraces to the north and west of the college buildings furnish recreation grounds that are unsurpassed in every respect. Impartial visitors do not hesitate to declare that for healthfulness of location and for educational environment Holy Cross is exceptionally favored. The old buildings, whose accommodations satisfied the student of a quarter of a century ago, have been enlarged and improved in many ways, and new buildings have been constructed in recent years. An improvement which at the time was considered of vast importance was the raising and extending of the east wing of the main building, Fenwick, in the spring of 1875. This wing, the only part of the building spared by the fire in 1852, gave place in time to a structure one hundred and twelve feet long, with an east frontage of ninety feet. The first and second stories are used for the students' dining halls; while the Sodality chapel is on the third floor and occupies the space of two stories. Adjoining this wing, on the southeast corner, is the infirmary.

A later and more modern extension, now known as "the O'Kane Building," was completed in the spring of 1895, and formally opened in September of the same year. In the basement is the students' recreational hall—most modern in every detail. The chemistry department is provided with all the necessary conveniences for work in general, analytical, organic and physical chemistry. The lecture-rooms and the six laboratories are specially designed and constructed for the purposes for which they are intended. The class-rooms, on the two floors above the recreational hall, are spacious and lightsome, and the corridors, long, wide and cheerful. The two floors above the classrooms are reserved for the private rooms of students. The rooms are pleasantly situated, with east and west exposures, and are equipped with all modern conveniences.

A more recent building is "Alumni Hall," which was opened in September, 1905. It contains nearly one hundred living rooms for students. The lower floors also provide ample space for the enlarged Physics department, thoroughly equipped with the latest and most approved conveniences and modern scientific apparatus, with lecture-rooms, museum and laboratories, in addition to other classrooms for general use. The building is provided with the most modern heating and ventilating equipment.

A LATE addition to the college buildings is "Beaven Hall," the generous gift of the late Right Reverend Thomas D. Beaven, D.D., and the clergy of the Springfield diocese. This new building was opened in September, 1913. Sixty-seven living rooms for students occupy the three upper floors, while the lower floor houses the Biology and Geology Departments. The building is entirely fireproof and equipped with the latest improvements for lighting, heating and ventilation.

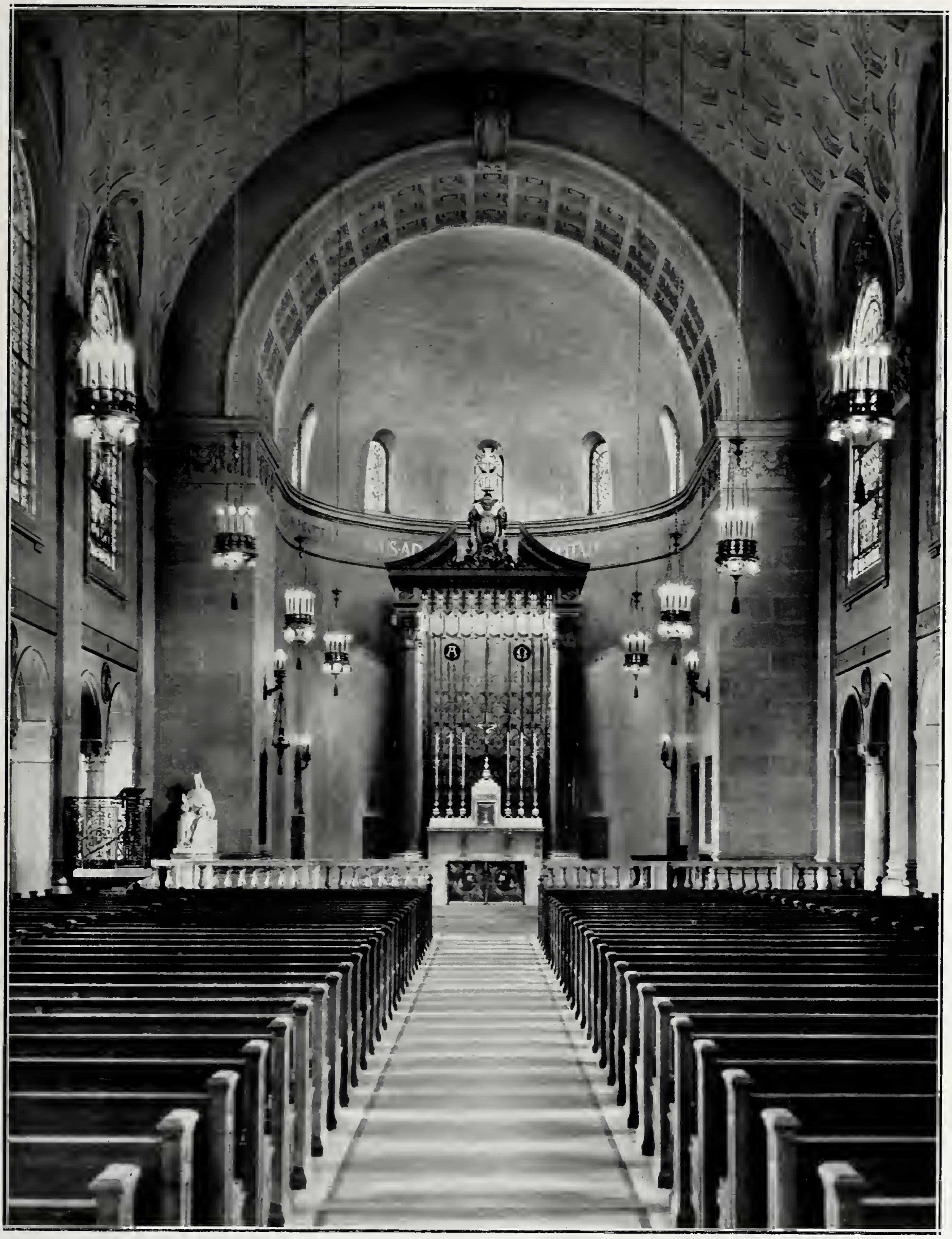
In September, 1922, Loyola Hall, one of the most modern of college buildings, was opened to the Senior Class. The building, similar to Alumni Hall, is fireproof throughout. It contains nine class-rooms on the two lower floors and one hundred living rooms on the three upper floors.

At the eastern extremity of the campus, majestically overlooking the college dormitories, is St. Joseph's Chapel, a memorial to Holy Cross men who paid the supreme sacrifice for their country.

The Dinand Library, a monument to the intellectual history of Holy Cross College, was formally opened on Wednesday, November 2, 1927. The building occupies the space between O'Kane Hall and Beaven Hall, and has accommodations for more than 350,000 volumes.

THE system of education is one in use in all the colleges of the Society of Jesus, and is guided by the principles laid down in the famous *Ratio Studiorum*. This body of rules and suggestions has been elaborated by centuries of experience and has been judged worthy of attentive study and hearty approbation by the ablest scholars. One of its greatest advantages is that it secures, what is an essential requisite for success in educational work, natural, thorough and effective methods of teaching, employed uniformly by all the teachers.

It is not a system of ever-changing theory and doubtful experiment, but one on which have been built the characters of the world's best scholars and statesmen for centuries. It meets the demand for modern improvements by wise adaptation and readjustment. Instead of abolishing prescribed studies and increasing elective courses, it advocates a wise, deliberate and prudent election *by*



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St. Joseph's Memorial Chapel

men whose profession is education, not an unwise, sudden and rash choice by *inexperienced youth just entering on the process of education.*

The natural sciences and modern languages are by no means overlooked or neglected in this system, but the ancient languages and their literatures are still retained as prescribed studies, and, with mathematics and philosophy, form the "essential trinity of courses," which Prof. Ladd of Yale rightly considers "absolutely necessary for a truly liberal education."

While attending to the mental development of the student and safeguarding his moral character, the college authorities have not overlooked the importance of physical training. The student is provided with football and baseball fields, running track and tennis courts. Not only are physical instructors and experienced coaches and trainers provided, but all this is under the supervision and direction of a member of the faculty, who will see that the students do not become so engrossed in athletics that their studies may be neglected or their health suffer in any way.

With regard to all forms of college activities the policy of the college authorities has always been that the student's first duty in college is attention to study, and that no other student activity should be allowed to interfere with this main purpose of college life.

One of the most important features in the system of Jesuit education is the formation and training of character. Hence a closer supervision is exercised over the students than is usual at the present day in most of the large colleges; but an effort is made to exclude from this supervision every harsh feature. The professors live with the students, mingle with them constantly, interest themselves in their sports, direct their studies and in every way assume the relation rather of friends than of taskmasters. This constant familiar, personal communication, on kindly terms, between professor and student, is a powerful factor in the formation of character. The age of the student is also considered, and in the later years of his college course a large degree of liberty is granted him. With regard to younger students the supervision is as close as any parent or guardian could reasonably expect. With regard to all, the enforcement of discipline, while mild and considerate, is unflinchingly firm, especially when there is question of the good of the student body or the reputation of the college.

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BEAVEN HALL DORMITORY

As the greatest help in maintaining good discipline is found in the appeal to conscience and religion, special attention is paid to religious instruction. Christian doctrine is one of the prescribed studies in every class, supplemented by weekly lectures and conferences. The students are required to comply with their religious obligations regularly, and to make annually a spiritual retreat of three days. Sodalities and other associations are also provided for the fostering of piety.

Dinand Library, named for the former president, Rt. Rev. Bishop Joseph W. Dinand, S.J.

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Assumption College

Worcester, Massachusetts

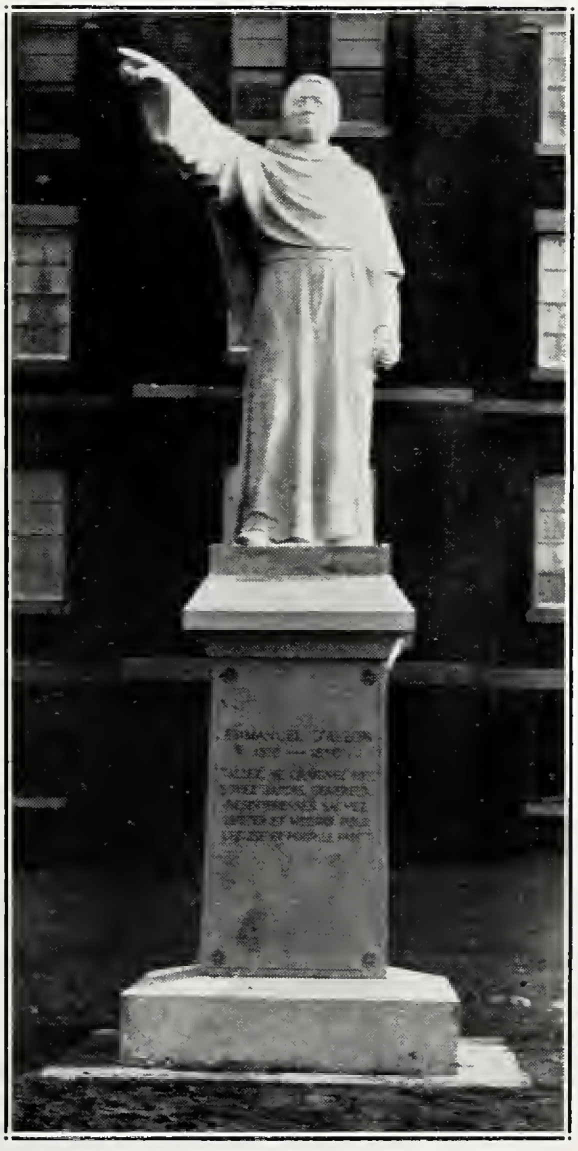
Conducted by the Augustinian Fathers of the Assumption

The Assumption College at Worcester has rounded out a quarter of a century in our midst. Founded in 1904, it added to its buildings in 1907, 1912, 1921 and 1926, an index of growth and expansion which indicates that this young establishment of the Augustinian Fathers of the Assumption filled a real need, and is constantly finding its quarters too cramped to accommodate a growing student body. Today, the institution has over three hundred resident students, and this year for the first time opened its doors to non-residents. The Fathers of the Assumption also conduct a preparatory school in which a classical training paves the way for a college course.

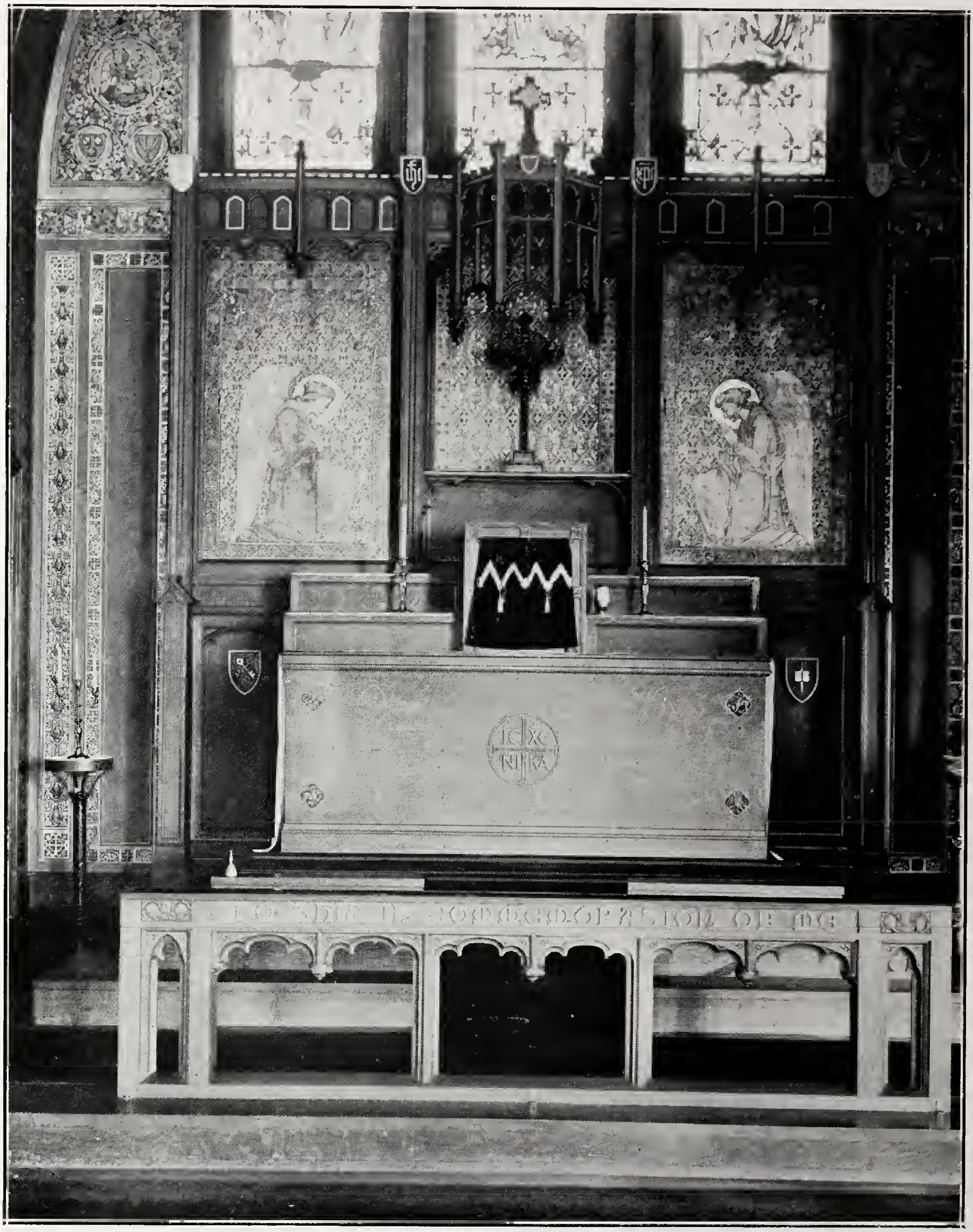
The curriculum of the Assumption College is the solid course of studies, traditional in Catholic education, which has stood the test of ages, and produced the scholarship of Catholic Europe. In 1917, the Massachusetts Legislature granted a charter to the college, with the right to confer the baccalaureate degree. The course of studies leading to this scholastic honor includes thorough instruction in both English and French Literature, American History and Civics, Mathematics through Trigonometry, Science through Biology, and a premedical, if desired; Latin, Greek, Philosophy, Social and Political Economy, Jurisprudence for those headed for the law-school, and Religious Instruction with a special eye to moral training and character development. A certain number of electives is allowed, but the catalogue states significantly: "The studies prescribed in this course are regarded as fundamental and essential in a liberal education, and therefore are not left to the student's option." Assumption, like most of our Catholic institutions of higher learning, has largely avoided the now recognized evils of unrestricted electivism. The much heralded "sanctity of the individual's gifts and will power" meant, almost universally, taking the line of least restriction to a college degree, and the authors of the dictum have long since shrunk from the results of their own handiwork. The surrender of experience to "the sanctity of the individual's gifts and will power" gave us the student who attended no classes before 11 a.m., or above the first floor, but he was not a student at a Catholic college.

The Assumption College cannot be accused of over-emphasizing athletics, but does live up to the statement of its prospectors: "While holding athletics to be of secondary importance, the authorities of the college are well aware of their influence for good when rightly directed and under proper control." The spacious campus offers plenty of opportunity for healthful recreation in which all students are encouraged to participate, as far as their health allows.

The faculty at Assumption college has an honorable war record. Though these Fathers were exiled from France during the days of persecution, they rose above all petty resentments when the call to the colors sounded. Eight of them fought in the French ranks, and two made the supreme sacrifice. A Students' Training Corps was established at the college when our nation entered the struggle.



Statue of Rev. Emmanuel d'Alzon, Founder of the Order of Augustinians of the Assumption, unveiled at Assumption College, Worcester, on November 22, 1930.



Sanctuary, Our Lady's Chapel, Our Lady of The Elms College

Our Lady of The Elms College

Chicopee, Massachusetts

Conducted by the Sisters of St. Joseph

With her first three years of collegiate work successfully completed and her charter class about to enter its graduation year, the College of Our Lady of The Elms, our diocesan college for girls, is no longer an experiment. Priests and parents have agreed that our Right Reverend Bishop's initiative in founding this home of higher Catholic education for young women filled a real need, in that it placed a baccalaureate course within the reach of all our Catholic high school graduates, at a minimum of expense. Quick to grasp the golden opportunity, our girls have flocked to "The Elms" in unusually large numbers, for charter classes, and the success of the new institution is already assured beyond peradventure.

The new administration and liberal arts building is completed. Now that it is ready for occupancy, Our Lady of The Elms is fully equipped to accept all who apply with suitable intellectual and moral qualifications, and to offer educational facilities which compare favorably with the best in our land. Auditorium, laboratories, library, lecture halls and classrooms ample to meet all present needs, and future growth, all will be at the disposal of her fortunate students.

The course of studies is the traditional Catholic curriculum of the Liberal Arts, in preparation for the baccalaureate degree, and includes:

I—*Religion:* This course is continued throughout the four years. It comprises a thorough treatment of the Mass, its meaning, importance and liturgy; the significance of each part in the great

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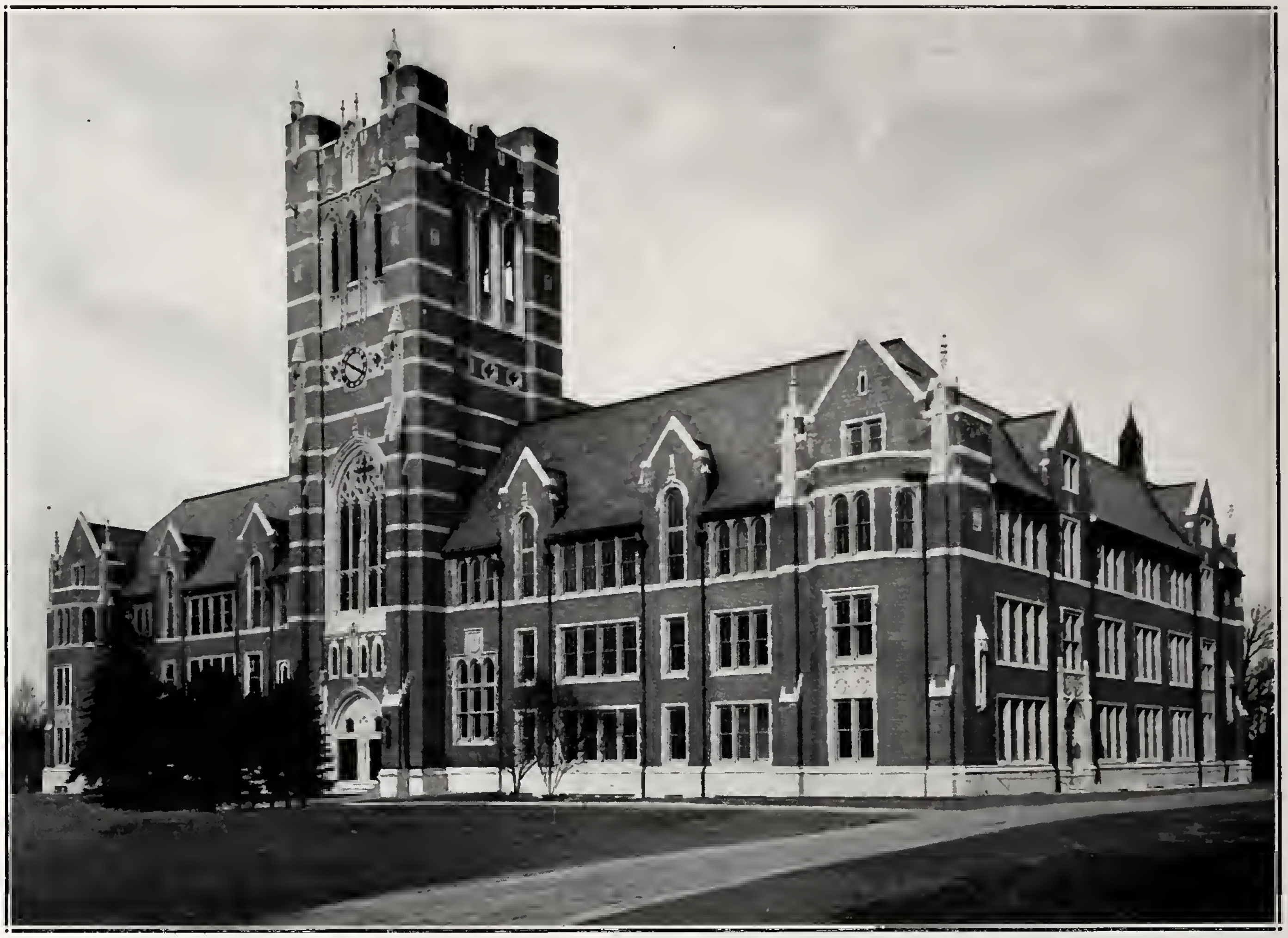
O'Leary Hall Dormitory



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New Administration and Liberal Arts Building

Sacrifice; the proper manner of lay assistance through The Missal. Secondly, the sacramental life of the Church, around the Eucharistic Presence; the sacramental system, and its divine adaptability to all the spiritual needs of man, from birth to "Nunc dimittis." Thirdly, the divine origin and life of the Church, as reflected in its attributes and marks, and demonstrated by the "victory which overcometh the world." as reflected in its divine preservation amid the storms of the Christian ages. Fourthly, a thorough study of Christian Apologetics, to the end that every student may quickly and effectively apply her knowledge of her faith to meet current materialistic and atheistic objections to its divinity and efficacy. "The Elms" girl knows the reasons for the faith that is in her.

Side by side with a thorough instruction in the principles of the Catholic Faith go attendance at daily Mass, the weekly Holy Hour, daily Rosary, the annual retreat, the Sodality gatherings, and

Architectural detail of main entrance to new Administration and Liberal Arts Building.

BEAUTIFUL AUDITORIUM IN NEW COLLEGE BUILDING

seasonable devotions, which ground the student in the great truth: "This is eternal life, that they may know Thee, the one True God, and Jesus Christ, whom Thou has sent." As this necessity of religion, of "seeking first the Kingdom of God and His Justice," is the fundamental reason for the existence of Our Lady of The Elms, and every Catholic school, nothing is left undone to impress on the student the fact that religion is a daily guide, not a holiday garment; that morality, based on religion, is an hourly companion, not a chance acquaintance. The graduate of "The Elms" will be, first and foremost, a Catholic lady, whose Catholicity is both of the heart and of the mind, and whose deep culture has its roots in Catholic charity and considerateness towards God's image everywhere.

II—*Philosophy,* the "handmaid of religion," which, in Logic, teaches us the laws of thought and

View of the auditorium from the stage, showing balcony.

A SECTION OF THE LIBRARY IN THE ADMINISTRATION AND LIBERAL ARTS BUILDING

Architectural detail of library ceiling.

the canons of truth; in Ontology, the fundamental nature of being, its goodness, unity and truth; in Cosmology, the essential nature of the created universe; in Psychology, the attributes and powers of our immaterial, spiritual, immortal souls, the principles of life, knowledge and action, by which we are akin to the angels and an image of God; in Ethics, the morality of human acts on which sound economics and political economy depend; in Natural Theology, all that is knowable and deducible about God, the Creator, by the light of human reason. Thus, Catholic Philosophy lays the foundations of right thinking and then imparts a knowledge of God, the World, and Self. It teaches how to think and furnishes fundamental matter for thought.

III—*Literature:* A thorough knowledge of our

PHYSICS AND BIOLOGY LABORATORIES

Mother Tongue, acquired through an analytical study of her Poetry and Rhetoric, and the sixty per cent of our language which is found in the Latin speech. The course in the Mother Tongue runs through the four years, including analysis of poetical, rhetorical and dramatic masterpieces, and their imitation, to develop literary style, and culminating in a senior course in Literary Appreciation, a view of the modern field, with special emphasis on current Catholic authors.

Latin, too, is continued throughout the four years, passing from the classical authors of the Augustan era in the various fields of composition to Church Latin and the great medieval rhetoricians and poets and philosophers, all leading up to an appreciation of the Latin of the Missal and the Liturgy, and the grand Catholic sequences of the Mass.

In the foreign language department, intimate acquaintance with one modern language is required—French, Spanish, Italian or German, as the tastes and needs of the students demand. The foreign language selected is continued for four years, with its use in conversation especially emphasized as senior work, after the student is acquainted with its poetry, oratory, drama and fiction.

IV—*Science:* An unexcelled series of laboratories—Physics, Chemistry and Biology—are installed in the well-lighted and easily ventilated upper story of the liberal arts building, and facilities are afforded for courses in every branch of modern science. Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Astronomy, and Physiology are all included in the comprehensive curriculum of the scientific department, with its superb equipment for experimental work.

V—*Mathematics:* College work in Algebra, Geometry and Trigonometry comprises the courses in the first two years, with ample provision for more advanced study for the seniors and juniors, should any considerable number of students so request.

VI—*History:* This department offers well-ordered courses in Ancient, Medieval and Modern History, with the twofold object of (1) imparting

A section of the Chemistry Laboratory.

Entrance Lobby, O'Leary Hall Dormitory

a thorough knowledge of how the Catholic Faith fought its way through Roman persecution, Barbarian opposition, Arian hatred, and Merovingian corruption to the establishment of Europe's Christian civilization; (2) thus preparing for a course in the Philosophy of History, in which the sequence and interrelation of events are studied and the forces of history are weighed, to demonstrate the causality of events and the Providence which ruled over human action during Christian civilization's struggle for life against the forces of paganism and barbarism.

VII—*Recreation and Health* are amply provided for in the relaxations afforded by a spacious

Student's private room in O'Leary Hall Dormitory.

The up-to-date plumbing installation used throughout the college buildings is indicated by the above wash-room and shower baths in the dormitory building

gymnasium and a large campus, already dotted with tennis courts and golf apparatus, and affording room for indefinite expansion, as the number of the students grows. Special courses in Music and Arts may be arranged at the convenience of the students.

As knowledge without the power to use it is sadly handicapped, Our Lady of The Elms stresses especially whatever develops the power of self-expression, the power of imparting knowledge to others with grace, ease, force and clearness. Hence, she holds her periodic assemblies, at which classes in turn present public programs dealing with their own class subjects; weekly exercises in oral expression, where the graces of public speech, pronunciation, enunciation, voice, gesture, ease and poise are emphasized. Her Dramatic Club, her student assemblies of the Sodality, her French Club, her Metaphysical Club, with their plays, sketches, and discussions, all contribute to the formation of "The Elms" girl—thoroughly grounded in religious and secular knowledge, with poise, precision and power in expressing her views, and the easy elegance of a Catholic lady in her social contacts and activities.

The Seven Liberal Arts in which "The Elms" girl will be grounded:

I. The Art of thinking clearly.
II. The Art of reasoning logically.
III. The Art of speaking convincingly.
IV. The Art of writing gracefully.
V. The Art of spending leisure profitably.
VI. The Art of assuming social responsibility easily.
VII. The Art of "seeking first the Kingdom of God" naturally.

The graduate who pursues successfully a course in the liberal arts, in the subjects on the curriculum,

Recreation Hall and Gymnasium in new college building.

REFECTORY IN O'LEARY HALL DORMITORY

will graduate the typical "Elms" girl—a cultivated, Catholic lady, at home wherever her vocation calls her. Her motto is that of the episcopal founder of her Alma Mater: *Viam Veritatis Elegi,* and her entire course aims at its fulfillment in both natural and revealed truth.

Rt. Rev. Thomas M. O'Leary, D.D., founder of Our Lady of The Elms, is the president of the college. He is assisted in the administration of the institution by Rev. Patrick F. Doyle, Ph.D., S.T.D., Vice-President; Sister Mary Baptista, S.S.J., Dean of Studies; Mother John Berchmans, S.S.J., Treasurer.

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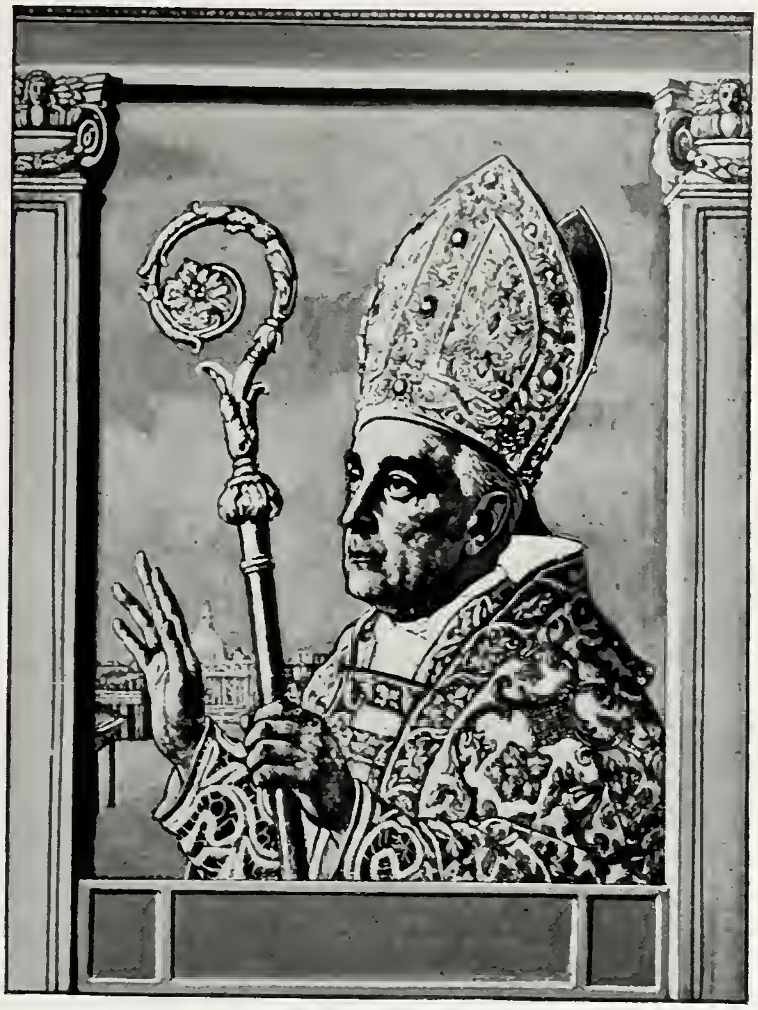
One of several attractive and cozy reception rooms in O'Leary Hall Dormitory.



Springfield's Contribution
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Rt. Rev. William A. Hickey, D.D.
Bishop of Providence

Rt. Rev. Thomas J. Conaty, D.D.*
Sixth Bishop of Monterey and Los Angeles

Rt. Rev. Philip J. Garrigan, D.D.*
First Bishop of Sioux City

Rt. Rev. William J. Hafey, D.D.
First Bishop of Raleigh

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Bishop of Burlington

Rt. Rev. Daniel F. Feehan, D.D.
Bishop of Fall River

Episcopal Sons of the Springfield Diocese

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* Deceased

Springfield in the College of the Apostles

Several priests advanced from pastorates in our diocese to membership in the College of the Apostles. Besides Bishop O'Reilly and Bishop Beaven, who ruled the destinies of the Springfield fold, Bishop Conaty, who died as Bishop of Los Angeles, Bishop Garrigan, who closed his life as head of the Sioux City Diocese, Bishop Rice, of Burlington, Bishop Feehan, of Fall River, and Bishop Hickey, of Providence, were all priests of our diocese before attaining to the honors of the purple.

Eloquent and scholarly Bishop Thomas J. Conaty was founder of Sacred Heart Parish, in Worcester, where he remained until his appointment as head of the Catholic University. He was the "young man eloquent" of such living causes as total abstinence and Irish home rule, and was first president of the Catholic Summer School of America. Throughout his life he was in constant demand as orator on momentous occasions, and was the voice of the Church at Worcester's great memorial meeting, when President McKinley was assassinated. Thanks to his initial labors and energetic leadership, Los Angeles has become one of the great dioceses of the West.

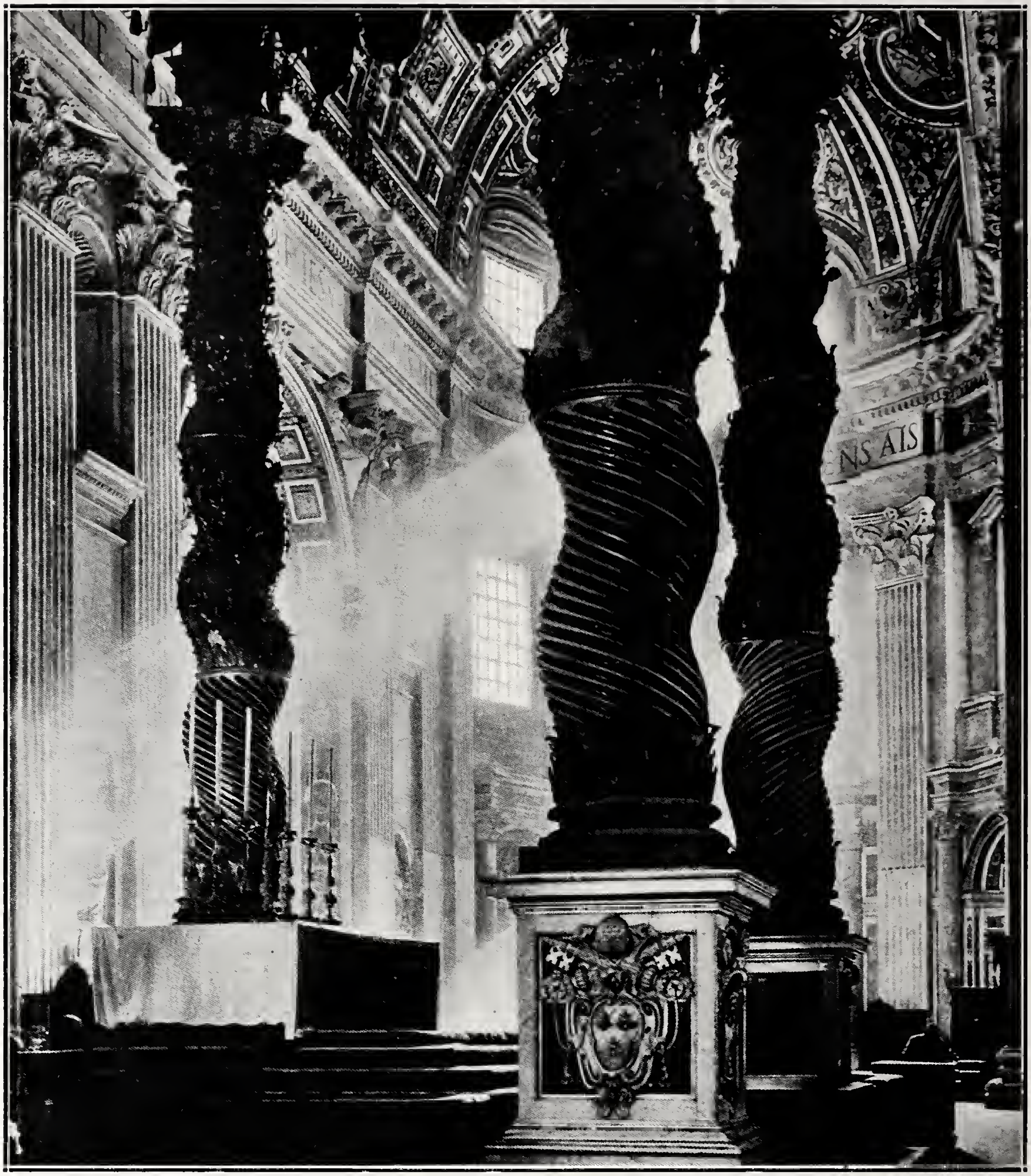
Similarly distinguished was the career of Bishop Garrigan, who, after his ordination, served as head of the seminary at Troy, spent fourteen years as pastor of St. Bernard's, Fitchburg, served as first vice-rector of the Catholic University at Washington, and, from that position of eminence in the world of scholars, was elevated to the episcopacy as head of the Diocese of Sioux City. Ever and always he proved himself the thorough scholar and able administrator.

Bishop Garrigan's successor as pastor of St. Bernard's, Rev. Daniel F. Feehan, followed in the footsteps of his predecessor, not merely by his splendid accomplishments as pastor at West Boylston and Fitchburg, but by joining the episcopal ranks as head of the Fall River Diocese, in 1907. He recently observed the fiftieth anniversary of his ordination, an anniversary which coincided with that of the present Holy Father, who sent a gracious letter of congratulation to his co-jubilarian. A master of French, as well as English, and tireless in his activities, Bishop Feehan has made Fall River a flourishing see.

Our next pastor to be honored by Rome with an episcopal appointment was Rev. Joseph J. Rice, pastor and founder of St. Peter's Parish, Northbridge. He had occupied several curacies in our diocese and served as professor of St. John's Seminary, Brighton, previous to receiving the honors of the purple at Burlington, in 1910. Under his able leadership the scattered Vermont diocese has become a united and energetic unit.

Nine years later Rome again honored our priesthood by selecting one of its members as coadjutor bishop to Bishop Harkins, of Providence, in the person of Rev. William A. Hickey. An accomplished bilinguist, Father Hickey served in several of our French speaking parishes before becoming pastor of Gilbertville and St. John's, in Clinton. It was from this latter pastorate that he was promoted to the See of Providence, where he has been especially zealous and eminently successful in furthering the cause of Catholic education, and has crowned his diocesan educational system by opening Providence College. Bishop Hickey's own scholarship appears in his charming translation from the French of Le Camus' masterly "Life of Christ."

Other members of the Apostolic College, who have Springfield association, though they never served as priests in our midst, are Bishop Shahan, president emeritus of the Catholic University and one of the foremost authorities of our time in Church History; Bishop Hafey, of North Carolina, a native of Chicopee, who was ordained for the Baltimore Diocese; and Bishop Dinand, of Jamaica, who served two terms as head of Holy Cross and whose name is perpetuated in stately Dinand Library, most impressive of the Holy Cross group. Incidentally, too, Bishop Fenwick, of Boston, who founded Holy Cross College, in 1843, sleeps his last sleep in the little God's Acre on Mt. St. James, as some one has well said: "in the shadow of the monument which he himself had reared."



The Altar of the Popes

STRIKING VIEW OF THE MAIN ALTAR OF ST. PETER'S, ROME, RESERVED EXCLUSIVELY FOR CEREMONIES AT WHICH HIS HOLINESS, THE POPE, PONTIFICATES.

Our Catholic Lay Societies

It goes without saying that in this great diocese, where everything Catholic thrives and prospers, Catholic societies are flourishing. In every nook and corner of the Springfield fold, we find divisions of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, and the Ladies' Auxiliary, councils of the Knights of Columbus and the Daughters of Isabella, courts of Foresters for both men and women, branches of the St. John Baptist organization and Franco-Americans, the Catholic Daughters of America, the Ladies' Catholic Benevolent Association, the Catholic Women's clubs, which had their origin in war work, and especially in work for the chaplains. These, of course, are in addition to the strictly church sodalities and fine Holy Name organizations, which are found in nearly every parish. Each society and its aims and accomplishments would be matter sufficient for an entire volume. Here space permits only a cursory glance at what each has contributed to the sum total of Catholic progress in western Massachusetts.

The St. Vincent de Paul Conferences

The work of charity carried on by lay groups in Catholic parishes, a work begun by Ozanam and his seven companions, at Paris, less than a century ago, early took root in our diocese and has been going on for nearly sixty years. The object of this great undertaking is to have capable and sympathetic men in every parish, who visit the homes of the poor, discover their needs and furnish relief in a spirit of Christian fellowship. The work of the St. Vincent de Paul conferences is carried on quietly, has no publicity feature, and the recipients of St. Vincent de Paul bounty have no fear that their identities will be coldly divulged on records open to public inspection. In St. Vincent de Paul work, the right hand knoweth not what the left hand doeth, but the last national report shows that, within a twelvemonth, over three hundred thousand visits were made by unpaid workers, whose labors are purely a labor of love, whose only reward is the blessing of the God of the poor, whose greatest happiness is affording help to the poor.

This great organization always works under the supervision and inspiration of the Church, but its personnel is entirely lay. It has its Superior Council in New York, its Central Council at Boston, its Diocesan Central Council at Springfield, its particular councils throughout each diocese and its parish conferences. In the Springfield diocese, the particular councils are found at Springfield, Worcester and Pittsfield. The parish conferences, in our diocese, date their origin from the foundation of St. Patrick's Conference at Chicopee Falls in 1878. It is characteristic of the first pastor of Chicopee Falls, the gentle Rev. P. T. Stone, that his flock showed the way in St. Vincent de Paul work. The first report of the particular council formed at the Cathedral in December, 1892, pays this merited tribute to this pioneer conference: "This conference, aggregated May, 1879, is the oldest in this diocese. Besides relieving the poor, it is boarding five children in families, and three at Mt. St. Vincent."

Thus St. Patrick's Conference, at Chicopee Falls, inaugurated St. Vincent de Paul work in our midst. St. John's, in Worcester, organized in 1879, and was aggregated two years later. Aggregation to the state and national councils does not take place for at least one year after the initial establishment of a conference. St. Bernard's, of Fitchburg, began formal St. Vincent de Paul work in 1884, and St. Michael's Cathedral parish organized in March, 1891. The following year, the particular council of Springfield was established, to co-ordinate the formation and work of neighboring conferences, and give each the benefit of the experiences of all by the interchange of ideas at quarterly assemblies.

The very next year saw St. Vincent de Paul conferences multiply apace. First came the three Sacred Heart parishes of Worcester, Springfield and Holyoke, in the early months of the year, and in the closing months, Notre Dame, of Worcester, followed suit. 1894 saw organizations at St. Patrick's, South Hadley Falls; Holy Name, in Chicopee, and the formation of particular councils at Worcester and Holyoke. Holy Name, of Worcester, and St. Joseph's, of Springfield, joined the St. Vincent de Paul ranks in 1896, St. Joseph's, of Pittsfield, in 1897, St. Paul's, of Worcester, in 1898, and St. Mary's, of Northampton, in 1899.

All these conferences have done splendid work, and achieved results which have won, not merely the approval of their superior officers in St. Vincent de Paul, but also of those in charge of public welfare work. We remember, some years ago, at a state convention of public charities, a state officer criticized the churches for their helplessness in the face of need. When a Catholic demanded an explanation, the speaker replied that he referred to non-Catholic societies, because the Catholics, with their well-organized conferences of St. Vincent de Paul, were generally ready and willing to cope with any situation. Some years back, a public official of Fitchburg questioned what St. Bernard's was doing for its poor and the reply of St. Bernard's pastor, Rt. Rev. Msgr. Donnelly, was to prove that St. Bernard's expended more on its needy members the previous year than the public welfare agencies on all the poor of the entire city. That a public official did not know these facts is merely a reminder that St. Vincent de Paul work is never done to the accompaniment of the trumpet's blare or the bugle's blast, but its annual financial outlay in our state is well over a quarter of a million dollars.

The youngest of our St. Vincent de Paul particular councils is in Pittsfield, where a particular council began its existence in 1921, and where conferences have been relieving distress in St. Joseph's, since 1897, St. Charles', since 1916, St. Mary's, since 1916, while Mt. Carmel, the Immaculate Conception and St. Teresa's are the latest to take on this work. The present year and the present industrial depression have led to renewed activity especially under the particular council at Worcester, where the work languished in the years of plenty. Several of the older conferences have been stirred to renewed activity, and several new ones have been inaugurated in the more recent parishes, such as St. Bernard's and the Blessed Sacrament. It was noticeable how many were eager to join the new foundations, because they remembered the St. Vincent de Paul membership and activities of their fathers and grandfathers, in the earlier parishes. The present year, also, saw a new conference at Immaculate Conception Parish, Easthampton.

Our present Vicar General, Rt. Rev. Msgr. Bernard S. Conaty, was the moving spirit in the organization of our oldest and youngest particular councils—Springfield, in 1892, and Pittsfield, in 1921. Among the charter members of the Cathedral Conference we note the name of James B. Carroll, its first vice president, now a justice of our Massachusetts Supreme Court, but still an active member of this fine old conference. Among his fellow members was Edward A. Hall, a lifelong worker for St. Vincent de Paul conferences, a real warhorse in charitable endeavor, and an authority on all matters pertaining to St. Vincent de Paul conferences. Incidentally, Mr. Hall's life of aggressive Catholicity goes back a generation beyond the formation of our diocese, and he speaks from personal experience on Catholic progress since Civil War days. His memory proved most accurate, for instance, when we were seeking information about the saintly Father Power, all of whose priestly labors were confined to Chicopee, Springfield and Indian Orchard. He is at present president of the Central Council of Springfield, and also its particular council, and Judge Carroll is vice-president of both.

The first head of the Worcester particular council was another sturdy veteran of St. Vincent de Paul work, the late Matthew B. Lamb, who began his charitable labors under the late Bishop Conaty, at Sacred Heart, in Worcester, continued it under our present vicar general and was rewarded with the highest gift within the power of his fellows of St. Vincent de Paul to confer—the presidency of the Worcester particular council. His successor is Attorney Daniel P. Callahan of Worcester, who is most active in organizing new conferences and stirring the older ones to renewed activity.

Present conditions, which have reduced to penury many an ordinarily self-supporting family, have led to a veritable rebirth of St. Vincent de Paul activity. Old conferences are redoubling their efforts. New conferences are springing up. Rt. Rev. Thomas M. O'Leary, Spiritual Director of our central council, has given every encouragement to the work, and the spirit of charity thus engendered has become contagious. Many parishes which have no formal conferences are extending helping hands to the needy, and parish conferences will result. Within the jurisdiction of Springfield's particular council, where activity has varied but never languished, new conferences came into existence in Holy Family, 1908; Holy Name, 1912; Mt. Carmel, 1913, and in St. Anthony's, for work among the city's needy. Among the leaders of our entire state in financial assistance to the poor and unfortunate, are the Cathedral, Holy Family and Sacred Heart, all of Springfield, according to the latest report of the central council.

Members of the St. Vincent de Paul conferences receive no salaries or reimbursement, except the spiritual favors with which the Church blesses their work, their families, their beneficiaries and their benefactors. They hold weekly meetings at which prayer, spiritual reading and a discussion of the work in hand constitute the program. They contribute a weekly offering to the cause, as well as giving their personal efforts in investigating the merit of cases reported. The primary aim of the society is the personal sanctification of its members. Their means to that end is visiting and aiding the poor, though no good work is foreign to the scope of the St. Vincent de Paul conference.

In the first report of the Springfield particular council, in 1892, we find this scope of the work illustrated by these excerpts, one from the Cathedral's own report, the other from St. Joseph's, of the same city. The Cathedral Conference writes that besides relieving the poor and safeguarding the faith of neglected children, by sending them to Catholic institutions, or providing for them Catholic homes, its Christmas work "supplied about fifty-five families, the inmates of the jail and the poor farm, the Industrial School and wherever children or adults were deprived, by their position, of the luxuries of life. The reverend rector of the Cathedral (our present vicar general) has recently organized in the parish a society, The Young Women's Guild, which has materially aided the conference, in the making and distribution of clothes."

St. Joseph's Conference, in its initial account of stewardship, says: "This conference reports the largest number of visits made. It is indefatigable in its labors among the children. Not only has it found the same difficulties which attend this work in other conferences, but has to cope with special efforts made by men of position and wealth to proselytize the little ones of French parentage. It has rescued many children from this baneful influence, and is now caring for three at Mt. St. Vincent, and five at the house of the Angel Guardian at Boston."

This gives us a glimpse behind the curtain at the early stages of a work which is still flourishing in our midst, and which gives the layman his golden opportunity of co-operating gloriously with his Church's charitable program. We have space for only these brief observations on practical St. Vincent de Paul work, and by a few instances must judge all. The sum unostentatiously raised and spent for charity by this organization since its first labors at Chicopee Falls would mount into the hundreds of thousands and the numbers of visits and good works keep pace with its expenditures of dollars. The amounts raised by individual conferences are at times astounding, but never broadcast: the St. Vincent de Paul worker is a true follower of Ozanam and he is satisfied if his labors are recorded on the golden books of God.

Since its early days, St. Vincent de Paul work has expanded until today nearly every form of suffering is relieved. At times, the parish conference will come to the aid of a suffering family by sponsoring medical attendance or providing hospital care. At other times, fuel and food are provided to tide the breadwinner over a critical situation. The alert conference visitors do not hesitate to report spiritual needs to the pastor, that the stray sheep may receive needed direction for his return to the fold. Many a conference quietly finances the distribution of milk to indigent children in the parish school, pays milk bills regularly for large families of little ones, aids in reaching an agreement with the impatient landlord whose arrears of rent are impelling him to action—in a word, the active conferences stand ready to relieve to the full extent of their financial ability, any situation in which the needy Catholic finds himself, and are especially responsive to the appeal of childhood in distress. They never forget that St. Vincent de Paul's ministrations reached alike the slave in the galley, the outcast in the prison dungeon, and the infant abandoned by the roadside, exposed to death, or worse. It was the charity of Christ which urged St. Vincent de Paul, and it is the same charity for which the modern apostle of benevolence prays.

This ideal of St. Vincent and Ozanam is so dear to Mother Church that she blesses with her richest spiritual gifts those who carry her consolation and relief to her suffering members. The Catholic man, eager for God's blessing, can find a royal road to the charitable Heart of Jesus by membership in his St. Vincent de Paul conference, and active participation in the cause which the Master made His own: "In so far as ye do it to the least of these my brethren, ye do it unto Me."

Ancient Order of Hibernians

The active life of the Ancient Order of Hibernians in our diocese goes back to 1867, when Division 1, of Worcester, was formed. A sturdy growth followed this initial foundation, and the Ancient Order everywhere was in the van in keeping alive the history, traditions and achievements of the Old Land and its scattered children. The earliest memories of Catholics of Irish descent has to do with musical and literary observances of St. Patrick's Day, sponsored largely by the Hibernian divisions.

Today, the five counties which comprise our diocese have forty-five divisions, with thirty-one hundred and forty-five members, of which Worcester has over two thousand in its twenty-six divisions. Hampden County follows, with ten divisions and seven hundred fifty-four members. The county presidents are:

Berkshire—Cornelius O'Connell, of North Adams; Franklin—W. J. Murphy, of Turners Falls; Hampden—John F. Powers, of Westfield; Hampshire—Michael Dwyer, of Florence; Worcester—James H. Ivory, of North Brookfield.

That the Hibernians of our diocese exert a beneficial influence and leadership beyond their local ranks is indicated by the fact that the national secretary is Patrick J. Dowd, of Holyoke, the state president is John J. O'Connor, of Holyoke, and the state secretary is Patrick J. Leary, of Worcester.

For the origin of the Hibernians, we must leave our diocese, our continent and our country, and go back to the Ireland of the sixteenth century, when the fiendish Penal Laws were promulgated against Catholics, and the heads of Catholic families incurred a fine by refusing to attend Protestant divine service. Priests were forbidden to eat or sleep in Erin, and harboring them became a capital offense. Protestant organizations, which finally crystallized in the Orange society formed, quickly supported the Penal Laws and grew rich on the legalized loot of their persecuted and outlawed Catholic neighbors.

Adherents of the old Faith quickly rallied to its defense. Such leaders as Rory O'Moore and such organizations as "The Defenders" organized to protect the priest as he travelled by stealth and offered the holy sacrifice of the Mass on the Mass rock in mountain fastness or hidden bog and morass, or even on a raft, tied to the shore, so that it could be cut adrift at the approach of the English forces. It was preferable to trust to the mercy of the Atlantic waves rather than to any surrender to representatives of an iniquitous law. Out of these societies, formed to defend the hunted priest and protect the proscribed altar, was evolved the Ancient Order of Hibernians.

The first American divisions were authorized in New York, in 1836, and quickly multiplied on our continent, where the Ancient Order carried out its traditional work of promoting and defending the Church of St. Patrick. The Hibernians have also rendered valuable service in promoting a knowledge of Irish history, and keeping alive the old Gaelic literature, whose treasured manuscripts outnumber those of Greece and Rome, a literature couched in

The tongue of monk and hermit, in fair Erin's lone defiles,
The tongue of St. Columba, as he counted Scotia's isles,
The tongue of royal Cormas, as his beads he used to tell,
The tongue of fearless Brendan, 'mid the wild Atlantic's swell.

In furtherance of this object, a real contribution to scholarship, the Ancient Order established a Gaelic chair at the Catholic University.

The fraternal spirit of Hibernianism was manifested in its contribution of $40,000 to aid fellow members who were stricken in the San Francisco quake. During its existence of nearly a century in the United States, the organization has distributed upwards of five millions in relief and ten millions in benefits—a noble record for the first Catholic fraternal organization to appear within the present confines of our diocese.

The objects of the Ancient Order of Hibernians became the purpose of its sister society, which was first established as an auxiliary, but beginning with the nineties of the last century, elected its own national officers. These ladies' auxiliaries are scattered throughout these five western counties and working along lines parallel to those of the parent organization. In fact, there are places where the ladies' auxiliary still flourishes, though the Hibernian division has ceased to function. The most notable material works of the Auxiliary were the establishment of a scholarship at Trinity College, Washington, and the erection of the famous memorial monument to the "Nuns of the Battlefield" which stands at the junction of Rhode Island and Connecticut Avenues, in our national capital. The head and front of this latter achievement, which gave tardy credit to our heroic nuns who left classroom and orphan asylum to relieve suffering on our Civil War battlefields, was Mrs. Ellen Ryan Jolly, LL.D., national leader of the lady Hibernians.

The men's division had previously obtained an appropriation from Congress to erect a national monument to the memory of Captain John Barry, "Father of the American Navy," the trusted colaborer of George Washington and recipient from him of Commission No. 1 in our infant naval forces.

In all these triumphs of the Ancient Order and its Auxiliary, the divisions of our diocese have been generous workers and contributors.

Ladies' Catholic Benevolent Association

A CATHOLIC society that has stood the test of time is the Ladies' Catholic Benevolent Association. It began its active work among us in 1895, when its first branch was formed in St. Francis' Parish, North Adams, during the pastorate of the late Rev. Charles Burke. This branch, which bears the number 177, is still active and vigorous.

Three years later, Worcester joined the ranks, and Branch 180 was instituted in St. John's Parish, with the warm encouragement of the late Monsignor Griffin. This branch was, in a sense, a daughter of the North Adams foundation, whose Miss Johnson was instrumental in its inauguration. St. John's Branch proved a veritable mother branch for the community. From it have sprung eleven divisions in the city of Worcester, of which the last, numbered 1405, shows the healthy growth of the order, and reflects public appreciation of its aims and achievements.

Springfield followed with the establishment of Branch 548, at the Cathedral, during the rectorship of the late Monsignor Edward S. Fitzgerald. This branch, too, proved only an entering wedge to new foundations, of which the Episcopal City now numbers five.

As the objects of the society and its generous financial offers became better known, branches multiplied elsewhere, and the initiative of North Adams, Worcester and Springfield was followed by Adams, Chicopee, Dalton, Fitchburg, Mittineague, Pittsfield, Turners Falls, Westfield, Williamstown and Holyoke, where four branches now flourish.

The Ladies' Catholic Benevolent Association also has a juvenile branch which insures children from one to sixteen years of age, whereupon they are transferred to the senior division.

Thus the Ladies' Catholic Benevolent Association appeared among us soon after its original organization, in 1890—the first woman's insurance organization in America, though many have since followed in their footsteps. In its forty years of existence, this society has paid claims amounting to over thirty-seven millions of dollars, while it has a reserve of over seventeen millions more. Its certificates of insurance are issued either on the Whole Life Plan or on the Twenty-Payment Plan, in either of which its rates are the lowest possible for an insurance run upon safe, conservative lines, and the member who perseveres draws out more than she pays in. The Ladies' Catholic Benevolent Association has a record of prompt payment and financial stability which accounts for its steady growth and increasing prosperity among Catholic women.

The Knights of Columbus

When the Massachusetts Catholic Order of Foresters decided to confine its activities to the Bay State and refused to organize in Connecticut, a new Catholic society, destined to become not only national but international, sprang up there. Its origin is traced to New Haven, in 1882; its founder was the Rev. Michael J. McGivney, then assistant at St. Mary's Church, in that city. It became an insurance and fraternal organization, with insurance and associate members. By a happy coincidence, its present supreme chaplain, Rev. P. J. McGivney, is a member of the same family as its distinguished founder. The progress of the order was rapid. Its constitution was adopted the year of its foundation. It received the approval of the Apostolic Delegate in 1890.

The Knights of Columbus, then, as an organization, is rounding out half a century of varied and valuable existence. Its membership has passed 700,000. It has crossed state and national lines until today it flourishes far beyond the frontiers of the United States, in Mexico, Canada, Panama, the Philippines, Cuba, Porto Rico, Newfoundland, while it has opened playgrounds, athletic fields and clubhouses at Rome itself, to combat the post-war efforts of proselytizing agencies.

Financially, the organization is sound and flourishing. Its insurance in force amounts to over $290,000,000, while the increase in its benefit membership is steady and healthy, even in the face of our present industrial reverses. The assets of the society amount to nearly $32,000,000, while its annual revenue from mortuary assessments and expense dues approach $4,000,000.

The Knights of Columbus have been in the forefront of patriotic and relief work. Their 500 huts along the danger zones in the World War made internationally familiar, and famous, the sign the doughboy loved: "Everybody Welcome. Everything Free." American generosity furnished over fifty million dollars to the "Casey" relief secretaries, to supply creature comforts for our boys on the firing lines, and the society distributed it with free and lavish hand. The Knights furnished 100,000 enlisted men, 3,000 secretaries and 1,100 chaplains to Uncle Sam's forces on land and sea. The first to fall in the American lines, and the last, were Knights of Columbus—Lieut. Fitzsimmons, of Kansas City, and Chaplain Davitt, of Lenox, whose name and fame are perpetuated in the title of the Lenox Council.

Once the war-drums ceased to beat, the organization loyally used its surplus for works of reconstruction. Employment bureaus found work for 400,000 ex-service men. A lost soldier bureau located 7,000 missing veterans. On Memorial Day, heroes' graves in France were decorated, each with wreath and a card, stating: "From a brave man's parents, through the Knights of Columbus." Nearly 50,000 ex-service men were enrolled in the Knights of Columbus night schools. All this made up a record of unselfish service which the national government officially recognized when the Shipping Board launched the good ship "Casey" in the fall of 1919.

Equally important has been the educational

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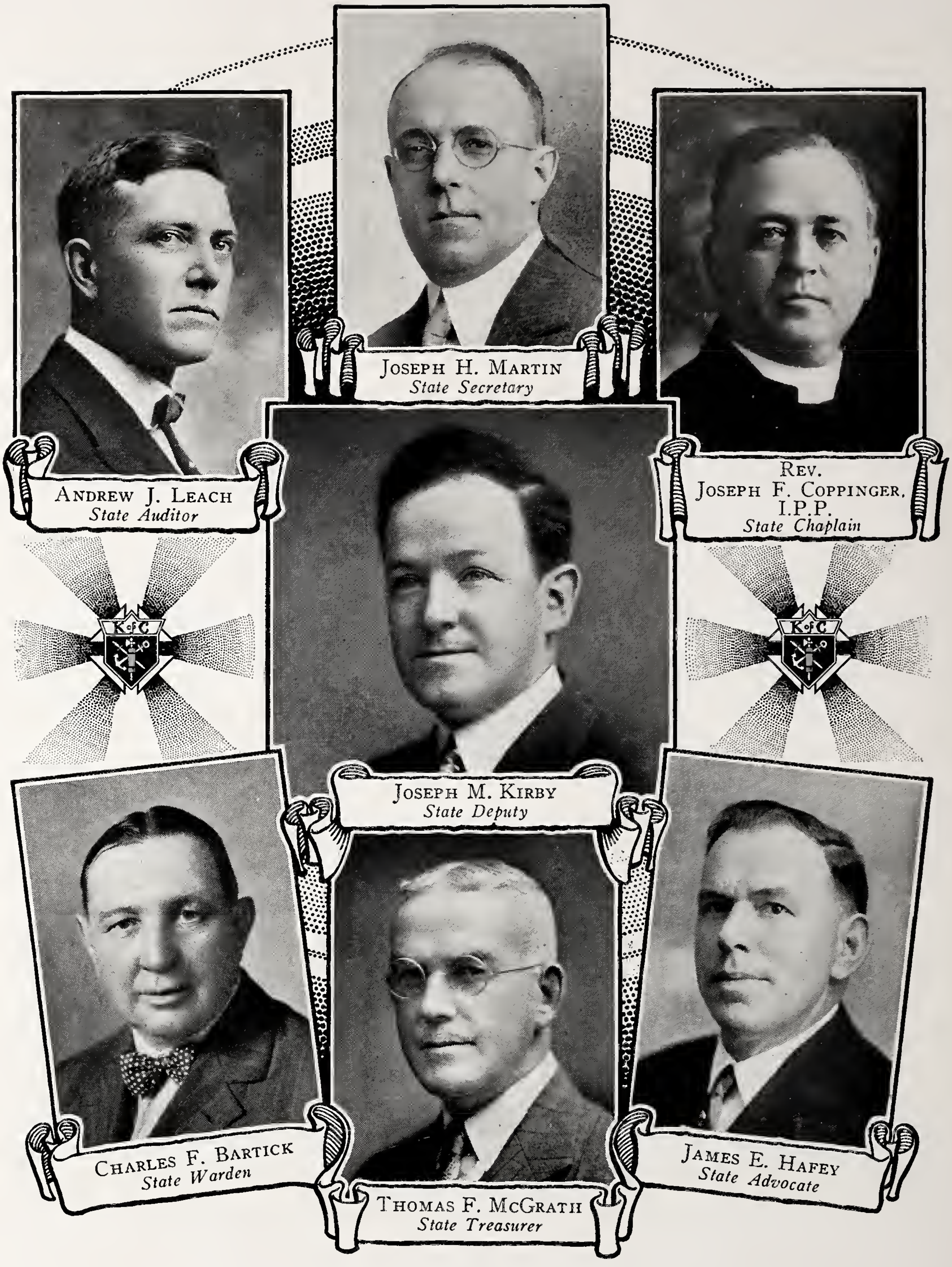
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DISTRICT DEPUTIES OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, FROM THE DIOCESE OF SPRINGFIELD

work of this energetic order. It gave half a million dollars to the Catholic University, at Washington, as foundation for fifty scholarships, enrolled 150,000 ex-service men in its vocational schools, sponsored a popular edition of the Catholic Encyclopedia, established nearly one hundred and fifty evening schools, subscribed over four hundred scholarships for ex-service men in our leading colleges and universities, and opened schools exclusively for the Negro.

Its relief work in times of peace has brought succor to the victims of practically every local and national disaster, from the Galveston Flood, in 1900, to our recent inundation of the Connecticut, and includes generous donations to the sufferers in the San Francisco earthquake, the Duluth conflagration, the Chelsea fire, the Messina earthquake and tidal wave, the Salem fire, the Indiana and Ohio floods, the Illinois cyclone, the Mexican Punitive expedition, the Halifax explosion, the Texas tornado, and local catastrophes elsewhere. The reputation of the Knights is synonymous with generosity and promptness, as though their motto was: "He who gives quickly, gives twice."

Of course, this golden record of unselfish service is made possible only by the loyal support of the local councils and state officers. The Springfield Diocese has reason to be proud of the part its Knights have played. The five western counties have forty-four councils, with a total membership of approximately fifteen thousand. The first council in our midst was Home City Council, of the episcopal city. It was the first council in our diocese, and second only to Bunker Hill Council of Boston, in our state. Of the four largest councils in the state, three are in our diocese: Alhambra, of Worcester, leads with 2785 members; Home City is second, and the Holyoke council is fourth.

Once our diocese has furnished the head of the Knights in Massachusetts. The term of John E. Swift, of Milford, was a term of activity, progress and good will, in which many an old misunderstanding was ironed out, and closer contact was established between the local councils and the state headquarters. Scholarly, eloquent, approachable, Mr. Swift left only one regret when he retired, and that was that he retired. The culmination of his labors was the Supreme Convention in Boston, in 1930. At present, he has entered the national councils of the order as a Massachusetts representative on the supreme directorate. Springfield's present representatives at state headquarters are Attorney Francis P. McKeon, of Worcester, Past State Advocate; Attorney James E. Hafey, of Chicopee, State Advocate, and Andrew J. Leach, of Brookfield, State Auditor. This representation shows that our Knights of Columbus councils are exerting a real influence in state and national circles of the order. The rollcall of district deputies also shows the activity of Springfield's knighthood, for it includes James F. Tully, Dalton, John L. Burns, North Adams, Howard A. Blanchet, Amherst, Frank T. Raleigh, Springfield, William R. Barry, Ware, William B. Belli, Springfield, Leo Renaud, Southbridge, Austin E. Livingstone, Gardner, Edward B. O'Sullivan, Leominster, Raymond F. Dyer, Clinton, John J. Spillane, Worcester, and Lawrence H. Branagan, Millbury.

Massachusetts Catholic Order of Foresters

Miss Kathryn Fitzgerald
Member High Standing Committee

Among the organizations which number their adherents by the thousands in our diocese is the Massachusetts Catholic Order of Foresters. Its first court was organized in March, 1879, and its first court in our diocese was established at North Adams, in October of the same year. For the next fifteen years, its membership was closed to women, but when this bar was lifted and women were admitted, in 1894, one of the first three courts composed entirely of women was the flourishing St. Valerian Court, of Springfield, established in December of that year. Its charter list of twenty-five was the mustard seed which has grown to more than one thousand members.

The Massachusetts Catholic Order traces its origin to the yellow fever epidemic in the South, where the Independent Order of Foresters was especially strong. The large number of victims in the South made heavy demands upon the purses of the members elsewhere. Careful consideration of the need of a new organization led to the conclusion that the time had come for a strictly Catholic insurance and fraternal society, and the Massachusetts Catholic Foresters resulted. At times there have been temptations to go beyond the boundaries of our state. It was an attempt to organize a court in New Haven, coupled with the decision of our state officers not to branch out into another state, which began the Knights of Columbus. Western Catholics in Missouri wished to establish courts, but the decision to remain in Massachusetts resulted in a new organization of Catholic Forestry in the Middle West. These invitations to branch out and the imitation which is the sincerest flattery are high tributes to the success of the Massachusetts Catholic Foresters, banded together, to use the words of their charter, "for charitable purposes, in the promotion of fraternity, unity and true Christian charity among its members, and for the purpose of raising and maintaining a fund, so as to enable us to give substantial assistance in time of sickness and distress; to make suitable provision for the widow and orphans; and to do all in our power to further the interest of our fellow members."

The contribution of the Springfield diocese to the successful achievements of those thoroughly Catholic purposes has been a notable one, while every worthy Catholic project has received a helping hand from the Foresters. Hospitals, charitable institutions, colleges, relief funds, all have experienced the generosity which this order displays to every deserving cause. Our diocese has thirty-six courts, with a total membership of about eight thousand. The most active centres are Springfield, with eleven courts, Worcester, with six courts, and Holyoke with three.

Though our first court, St. Francis', of North Adams, was established the same year as the order itself, in 1879, it no longer exists. The Worcester Court, No. 59, dates its origin to 1885; Shields Court, No. 63, of Holyoke, followed in 1887, Gallagher Court, No. 64, of Springfield, sprang into existence the same year, and Onota, No. 98, Pittsfield, was born in 1893. Since then courts have multiplied and membership has grown to the present prosperous proportions. The youngest court in our diocese, the John J. Collins Court, of Springfield, perpetuates the memory of a great Forester, who, by dint of splendid work for his chosen order, reached the state leadership before he was called to his reward—Foresters

JAMES H. BENSON, Springfield · JAMES E. O'LEARY, Worcester · JOHN J. COLLINS*, Springfield · JAMES A. DONOVAN, Springfield · JOHN F. HARRIGAN, Worcester

PAST HIGH CHIEF RANGERS OF CATHOLIC ORDER OF FORESTERS, FROM SPRINGFIELD DIOCESE

have thus handed many a noble Catholic character down to grateful remembrance in the naming of their courts. Springfield Foresters thus honored the names of Father Gallagher, builder of the Cathedral, Father McDermott, builder of Sacred Heart, Father Sherry, founder of Holy Family, Bishop Beaven, second bishop of our diocese, and their own sterling Foresters, Major John J. Leonard and Catherine T. Leonard, as well as John J. Collins. In the naming of its courts, Worcester has preserved the memory of Father Fitton, whose missionary labors made all Catholic New England his debtor; Major McCafferty, Civil War hero and first Catholic justice of our Massachusetts tribunals. Holyoke's court bears the name of Rev. Michael Howard, beloved founder of Holy Rosary Parish. Chicopee Falls' Court rejoices in the name of the kindly Father Stone, first pastor of St. Patrick's. The Amherst court recalls Rev. John Gavin, generous and genial pastor of St. Bridget's for two decades. The Northampton court took the name of Rev. Joseph T. Lynch, who died in the early years of a most promising priestly career. These titles have a definite historical value, and express the Catholic Foresters' admiration for pioneer members of their church as well as their order.

The order of Catholic Foresters have been the strong right arm of Father Tully in his work for delinquent children; have, through the Past Chief Ranger's Association, furnished a room at Mercy Hospital, established the Major John J. Leonard Scholarship at Holy Cross College. The quick and timely relief work done by the Past Chief Ranger's Association in 1927, when the Connecticut and its tributaries were on a rampage, is a golden page in the current history of Forestry. In addition, of course, our Catholic Foresters have lent a hand to the splendid relief efforts of their order in stricken districts beyond the limits of our diocese, and religious work beyond the confines of our state. Our hospitals and chaplains, especially, will not soon forget the Foresters' relief efforts.

It is with pride, too, that we recall the prominent part which our Foresters have played in the leadership of this statewide order. Election to the highest position within the gift of Forestry, the high chief rangership of the order, was the recognition accorded the exceptional qualities of leadership displayed by John F. Harrigan, and James E. O'Leary, of Worcester, and James H. Benson, John J. Collins and James A. Donovan, of Springfield. In addition to these five who attained Forestry's highest office, and served on her High Standing Committee, the roll of her Governing Board includes the names of Major John J. Leonard, Springfield's first member, who served from 1894 to his death in 1909, Timothy J. Collins and Hon. William P. Hayes, both of Springfield, and George F. Dorman, of Worcester. At present the only representative of our diocese on this committee is the first woman from our numbers to be thus honored: Miss Kathryn G. Fitzgerald, of Springfield, the first member ever elected without opposition.

This splendid order, with its 60,000 members, has assets approaching four million dollars.

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L'Union St. Jean Baptiste

Prime Robichaud
Gardner
Supreme Director

Dr. J. C. Z. Potvin
Springfield
Supreme Vice-President

Wilfrid J. Beaudry
Holyoke
Supreme Director

National Officers, L'Union St. Jean Baptiste

L'UNION St. Jean Baptiste d'Amérique grew from a meeting held in Holyoke, in 1898, for the purpose of federating the Franco-American organizations of New England and New York. A committee was appointed to send invitations to all the interested societies, to be represented at a convention the following year. At that convention, also held in Holyoke, one hundred and three accredited delegates were present, and Edward Cadieux, of Holyoke, was elected president, Joseph Beauchemin and Pierre Bonvouloir, both of Holyoke, were chosen assistant secretaries. This convention debated the best form in which to organize a fraternal and benefit society, discussed at length the ways and means adopted by similar organizations elsewhere in Canada and the United States, and ended in the appointment of a committee, two from each state represented, to draw up a plan of federation for submission to a future convention. On that committee was Dr. A. Desrochers of Adams.

After several sittings, this committee submitted a report on which the actual formation of the Union St. Jean Baptiste was based. At the following congress, the Union already had 7346 members, and a reserve fund of $38,297.74. Subsequent conventions all showed progressive increases, both in membership and in amounts on hand, until today the organization counts over fifty thousand members, and its financial assets approach five million dollars. This growth has been attained in a little over thirty years, from that inconspicuous beginning at Holyoke.

The society, of course, has a primary and fundamental financial program, like every fraternal and benefit organization. At the Worcester convention of 1915, the president general said: "It is with legitimate pride that we can, after fifteen years of existence, look back on a successful past, on tears dried, families relieved, widows and orphans protected against hunger and misery."

The society, too, supervises French Canadian activities, and makes every effort to see that the French Canadian receives fair play in the clash of elements which constitute our American life. Its special object is to safeguard the interests of religion and language, that the tongue of Marquette and Champlain may remain a living language, and their faith a vital guiding force, among the descendants of Canada's pioneer race.

This Union, also, regards it as a duty to care for its aged members, those who, in earlier days, contributed to its success. In establishing its relief for the aged, it insists that such relief is an obligation for the society and in no sense demeaning to the recipient. This aid is extended to the aged, those incapacitated by injury, and those afflicted by an incurable disease. More than one hundred and twenty-five of such unfortunates are thus cared for at the expense of the society, not in charity, but in gratitude because "they gave time and energy to ensure our future. They have an absolute right to the gratitude and protection of the society. We cannot refuse it to them without compromising our honor."

The Union, too, champions the all important cause of Catholic schools, contributes to their support and defends them before legislative bodies against the menace of hostile law. It strives to preserve the folklore and folk songs of Canada and France, and has entrusted to the Assumption College, at Worcester, the Mallet Library, a collection of nearly two thousand volumes, many of which are composed of unedited manuscripts dealing with early Canadian achievement.

It makes its contribution to scholarship, not merely by championing Catholic schools, but also by aiding the deserving student to pursue higher studies, to the end that able leaders may be fostered. A fund has thus been established to further the cause of advanced work for the promising children of members. At present, more than 70 students are being benefitted by this provision, either at Assumption College in Worcester, or in the colleges of Quebec.

Thus, the Union de St. Jean Baptiste d'Amérique, in less than a quarter of a century, has advanced from small beginnings to imposing strength, whether judged by its membership or its financial resources. It has aided our Franco-American citizens in every worthy field of progress—charitable, educational, civic. Many of its founders and present leaders are members of our diocese, in which the Union has sixty-nine councils and 10,272 members. Among its supreme officers at present are: Wilfred Beaudry, of Holyoke, supreme director; Prime Robichaud, of Gardner, supreme director; and Dr. J. C. Z. Potvin, of Springfield, supreme vice-president. It is interesting to note that Holyoke, the birthplace of the Union, leads the diocese of Springfield with five councils which have over fourteen hundred members.

And so, in matters of faith and fatherland, in furthering the cause of the one and keeping alive the sweet memories of the other, L'Union St. Jean Baptiste strives to maintain unsullied its banner with the impressive motto: *Melius Mori quam Foedari*—"Death before Dishonor." Its members firmly believe that they can best prove themselves Americans by adding to our melting pot the rich treasures of their literature and folklore, the loyalty of a faith which began with Clovis at the baptismal font of Rheims, and the love of the old motherland, so perfectly preserved amid Canada's snowclad forests that it has been called "the Canadian miracle"; death before the dishonor of proving false to the rich heritage of Bossuet's language, St. Louis' faith and Montcalm's memory.

L'Ordre des Forestiers

A French Canadian organization which has over two thousand members in our diocese is the Order of Franco-American Foresters, many of whose present officers are from our diocese. Its supreme leader is Lawyer Telesphore Le Boeuf, of Webster. Its supreme treasurer is Philip V. Erard, of Springfield. Its supreme recording secretary is Romeo D. Raymond, of Worcester. Its chief auditor is Omer H. Robert, of Millbury.

The membership of the Franco-American Foresters covers the New England states. It was organized in 1905, and its first two councils were those of Springfield, Massachusetts, and Woonsocket, Rhode Island. Though it is not an insurance organization, it extends a helping hand to the needy, cares for its sick, buries its dead, and boasts that no Forester was ever buried in potter's field or at public expense.

The purpose of the society is to inculcate the principles of good citizenship, while preserving distinct the Franco-American contribution to our common civilization. Its membership, Catholic and American, learns from the principles of its order the value of obedience to lawfully constituted authority.

The Franco-American Foresters have seven prosperous courts in our diocese, in Springfield, Holyoke, Northampton, Chicopee, Worcester, Webster and Easthampton. Of these, the Webster court is the largest and furnishes the present head of the organization.

The Polish Roman Catholic Union of America

The organization which has a branch in each of our Polish parishes is the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America, a society which has social, fraternal and benefit features that contribute to make it attractive to men and women of Polish birth or extraction. Formed in 1874, this thriving society today approaches a membership of 200,000 in 1200 branches scattered throughout the centers of Polish population, and, in addition, provides for future membership by supervising 1,000 junior units. It is the oldest of the Polish fraternal groups in America, and exerts a widespread influence along the lines of activity authorized by its charter.

It has, of course, an apologetic vein, in that it defends the Poles against unfair attack or unjust discrimination. While inculcating the principles of sound American citizenship, it promotes knowledge of the Polish language and acquaintance with Poland's history and tradition. It extends a helping hand to the Polish people in its varied undertakings of a civic or religious nature, promotes the establishment of Polish parishes and parish schools, and gives generous encouragement to orphanages and homes for the aged. A practical aid in keeping alive the glories of the Polish language and literature is a well-appointed library of Polish masterpieces.

This organization, too, takes a lively interest in the problems of the Polish immigrant by the formation of employment bureaus, by supporting agricultural colonization and by defending the new arrival against any form of injustice to which the stranger in a strange land may fall an easy prey.

Its war activities were notable. It collected millions in war funds and aided materially the formation of the Polish Army, and the enrolment of Polish volunteers under the American colors.

In the educational field, its Department of Education has made a praiseworthy record in aiding deserving but needy Polish students to pursue higher studies. The scholarships thus subsidized represent a total outlay of $350,765, while it maintains a permanent library of nearly sixteen thousand volumes.

The Union also maintains a department to care for the disabled, especially the breadwinners who are injured in industry. For their relief, to tide them over financial crises, the Union has expended over a quarter of a million dollars. A tax of two cents per month in the membership replenishes the financial chest for these two branches.

Encouraging sports among its younger members is another activity to which the Union has turned in recent years. Baseball, basketball, soccer, twirling, tennis and volley ball competitions have been financed. The daily publication of the Union has been obliged to give an entire page to Polish sports, while two members are now in big league baseball.

The Union recognizes the power of the press and maintains two publications: a daily, *Dziennik Zjednoczenia,* and a weekly, *Narod Polski.* It has its own printing establishment in Chicago for the production of these flourishing periodicals.

The Union headquarters are located in Chicago, and its officials consist of president, chaplain, two vice-chaplains, vice-president, general secretary, treasurer, attorney, editor, head medical examiner and fourteen directors. The present rapid growth in membership indicates that the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America is in a healthy condition, and its prosperity augurs well for the future of the Polish people.

The Union, flourishing especially in the Middle West, where populous Polish groups are almost as numerous as the large cities, follows the Polish people with its kindly aid and advice, from the day the immigrant lands, bewildered, in a strange land, until he finds a permanent home among his own kith and kin, urges and aids the education of his children, fosters his literature, and safeguards his faith against insidious attacks.

The Daughters of Isabella

The Daughters of Isabella, an organization for Catholic women, along the lines of the Knights of Columbus, was founded in New Haven, in 1897, and obtained a national charter in 1907, under the title of National Circle, Daughters of Isabella. One object of the society is to teach Catholic women to live up to the ideals of the great Spanish queen, who was so devout in the practice and defense of her faith as to be called Isabella the Catholic; who was so loyal to the nation of her birth that she is fondly referred to as the Spanish Joan of Arc; who was so instrumental in winning Spanish support for Columbus that she is justly called the godmother of America; who was so successful in her effort to drive the last vestige of Moorish power from Spain that she is called the last of the crusaders.

Mrs. Mary F. Davitt
Longmeadow
National Treasurer

Miss Elizabeth Moran
Ware
National Advocate

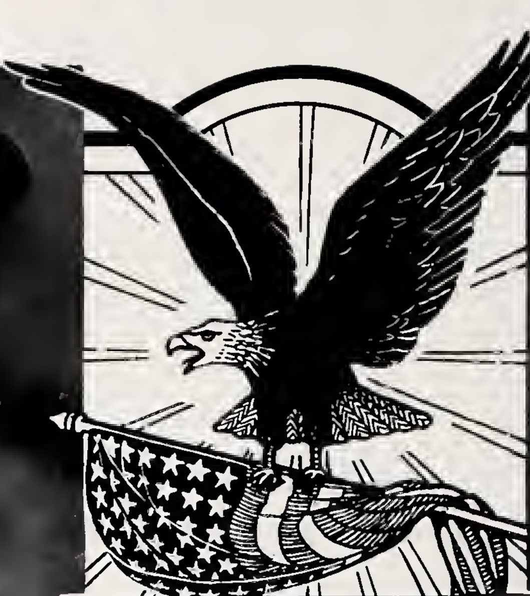
National Officers,
Daughters of Isabella

Catholic women, cast in the mold of Isabella, must be loyal to the higher ideals of religion and country, foremost in fostering the cause of each, and unhesitating in resenting attacks on either. The Daughters have always been especially active in the sacred cause of Catholic charity; and, without any particular blare of trumpets, have expended more than a million dollars in the last ten years for such worthy causes as scholarships, memorials, missions, hospital work, relief work, war work, propagation of the Faith, and contributions to churches, hospitals, asylums, homes for the aged, seminaries, maternity hospitals and homes for girls. This is a noble record of charity made by an organization whose members are far from wealthy.

Of the four hundred thirty circles throughout the United States and Canada, sixty-four are in our state, and of these thirty-seven are in our diocese. The total Massachusetts membership is over 10,000. Our pioneer group was Regina Circle, in Springfield, organized in 1912, with Mrs. Mary F. Davitt as first regent. Its charter membership of 141 has increased to 385, and its first regent has become national treasurer. In Massachusetts, the Daughters have made splendid contributions to Catholic hospitals, especially to the hospital for incurable cancer patients at Cambridge, and among the Catholic orphanages which have benefited by their generosity is St. Vincent's Home, at Ingleside. Vacation schools for Christian Doctrine, homes for working girls at a minimum expense, and other deserving projects of Catholic charity, enlist the generous support of individual circles.

Among the national officers, we are gratified to see the names of Mrs. Mary F. Davitt, of Longmeadow, Massachusetts, national treasurer, and Miss Elizabeth C. Moran, of Ware, national advocate, while among the state officers we note with pleasure the names of Miss Katherine F. Burns, of Chicopee, past state regent, Mrs. Margaret Tully, of Southbridge, state secretary, and Miss Irene M. Taylor, Winchendon, state treasurer. In less than two decades of existence, in our diocese, this society has done splendid work along charitable and philanthropic lines, has set an example in its willingness to aid local parochial undertakings, and has furnished its full quota of state and national officers, a recognition on the part of state and national officials that Springfield's Daughters of Isabella are worthy both of their great patroness and the noble sisterhood which bears her name.

State Officers, Daughters of Isabella
Left: *Miss Irene M. Taylor, Winchendon, State Treasurer.* Center—*Miss Katherine F. Burns, Chicopee, Past State Regent.* Right—*Mrs. Margaret Tully, Southbridge, State Secretary.*



Major-General William C. Hayes
Springfield
Colonel 104th Infantry, A. E. F.

Brigadier-Gen. Thomas E. Foley
Worcester
Major 101st Infantry, A. E. F.

Captain John J. Hyland
Holyoke
Captain U. S. Battleship Nevada

Colonel John F. Herbert
Worcester
Colonel 102d Field Artillery, A. E. F.

Colonel William Dolan
Fitchburg
Chief Ord. Officer, 26th Div. A. E. F.

Outstanding World War Military Leaders of the Springfield Diocese

Official War Department photo of Rev. George S. L. Connor, Rector of St. Michael's Cathedral, Springfield, celebrating Mass in a ruined church at Romagne, France. Father Connor was Senior Chaplain, 32nd Division, A. E. F.

Springfield Diocese with the Colors

SECTION VI

Springfield with the Colors

Through the courtesy of the National Catholic Welfare Conference and the War Department, we are enabled to present in part the proud record of our diocese in the trying days of the World War. The National Catholic Welfare Conference Headquarters at Washington, through its historical department, has striven to compile the roll of Catholic men enlisted, the numbers who were decorated for bravery, the numbers who made the supreme sacrifice, the numbers of women workers who aided the American cause, etc. These records are still sadly incomplete, owing to the failure of many parishes and even whole cities, to report, and yet the records already compiled show a total of 804,000 Catholic soldiers out of a total enrolment of 4,600,000—nearly 100,000 more than our numerical quota. It is difficult to compile these tables, because the government lists do not designate the religion of soldiers and sailors. Hence the N. C. W. C. is dependent largely upon private initiative for its data.

In the five counties of Western Massachusetts, which make up the Diocese of Springfield, the total of Catholic enlistments now recorded at Washington and reported through the National Catholic Welfare Conference Service, has reached 20,598. Here, as elsewhere, returns from many parishes and towns have not been made, and yet this figure, 20,598, represents nearly 4,000 more than our quota should be, if we judge by our proportion of the population. Thirty-one parish reports are still missing.

One thousand four hundred forty-eight soldiers of these western counties died in battle, or as a result of wounds, and 532 of these have been identified as Catholics. The table found in the *Gold Star Record of Massachusetts* contains 234 others that may be Catholic names, but are found on no parish lists yet received. And names do not tell the whole story. In one of our towns, the Legion post is called Austin-Tunstall, after the only two soldiers from the town who died in the service. Neither name is unmistakably Catholic, but both belonged to our Church. Hence, authentic data is necessary to determine the religious belief of those in our national forces.

Through this same National Catholic Welfare Conference Service, one hundred forty graves of Springfield's soldier dead, who lie in Flanders Field and along the western front, have been blessed. Last year, the government began to finance pilgrimages of gold star mothers to the last resting places of their soldier boys. Similar groups will go annually until 1933. Of the 3,655 mothers who crossed the ocean to date of writing, thirty were from the Diocese of Springfield.

When the call went out for Catholic chaplains, Springfield was asked to furnish fifteen. Twenty-six volunteered and twenty served, of whom one, Rev. William Davitt, was the last enlisted officer to fall in the awful struggle. He received the Croix de Guerre of France, and was recommended for our Distinguished Service Cross. The Knights of Columbus council, Lenox, a bronze memorial at the State House, in Boston, a bronze tablet in St. Ann's church, Lenox, a public square near the scene of his parochial labors in Worcester, perpetuate his name, and the admiration of his native city, his state, and the city of his priestly work for his high-minded, patriotic service. In addition, Father Zarek, of our diocese, died in the service of Poland, and three fathers of the Assumption College, at Worcester, fell while fighting for France.

Investigations made up to date show that of 89 American decorations for bravery or distinguished service in western Massachusetts, 56 went to Catholics, 21 to non-Catholics, and 12 are in doubt.

Of 175 foreign decorations in these five western counties, eighty-seven went to Catholics, fifty-four to non-Catholics and in thirty-four cases it was impossible to find the religion of the recipient. Corporal Homer J. Wheaton, of Worcester, received the first posthumous award of a United States Distinguished Service Cross.

George F. Myers, of Northampton, was awarded the highest military decoration of the French government, the Medaille Militaire. This decoration can be earned only on the field of battle and then not until a soldier has been the recipient of three citations for bravery in three distinct actions. Mr. Myers was also awarded the Croix de Guerre with Palm, the Croix de Guerre with Gilt Star, and the Distinguished Service Cross.

Alfred J. Houle, of Leominster, and Louis F. Corre, of Holyoke, were also awarded that most coveted of decorations, the Medaille Militaire, and also the French Croix de Guerre with Palm.

Major General Thomas F. Foley, of Worcester, and Major Luke C. Doyle, of Worcester, were singled out for special honor by the French Government when they were made Chevaliers of the French Legion of Honor. Both received the Croix de Guerre.

Michael J. Donohue, of Holyoke, was decorated by three governments, receiving the French Croix de Guerre, the British Distinguished Service Order and the Russian Order of St. Vladimier, with swords.

Catholic Springfield also had its representatives who served with distinction in the air forces. Harold F. Buckley, of Agawam, made a record which reads like an epic of the air. In one battle he destroyed an enemy plane and put six to flight. In another, he dove through hostile fire to destroy an enemy balloon, and the next day brought down an enemy plane. His decorations include the Distinguished Service Cross, the Oak Leaf Cluster and the Bronze Oak Leaf.

A Southbridge Catholic, Sergeant Arthur L. Rindeau, of the Marines, received a Distinguished Service Cross and the Navy Cross. Private Alexander Zambryski of Worcester, was awarded an Oak Leaf Cluster to wear with his Distinguished Service Cross and the Italian War Cross. Privates Raymond and Herbert St. George, brothers, of Worcester, fell in action, and were awarded the Distinguished Service Cross.

Several citations which went with the awarding of the Distinguished Service Cross are worthy of note. Col. Thomas F. Foley, of Worcester, "under heavy machine gun and sniper fire, personally led his battalion in successful attack." Lieut. Thomas F. Bresnahan, of Fitchburg, "organized a detachment of orderlies, runners and casuals, and attacked a German patrol, which was completely routed." Lieut. Eustis B. Grimes, of Fitchburg, advanced under intense machine gun fire to "wipe out a machine gun nest which had been harassing our line." Lieut. George W. Jones, of Worcester, "though painfully wounded, directed the work of rescuing men from demolished dugouts, reorganized his battery, and carried out orders for immediate fire." Sergeant Major Edward R. Lawless, of Leominster, when "it seemed almost impossible to get through the murderous fire," carried an important message across an open space of five hundred yards, though it was his first time under fire.

Our diocese, too, contributed its full share to the magnificent work done by the Catholic Women's War Service Council, which formed 167 parish aides and eight clubs. Over fourteen thousand women enrolled in this campaign and gave nearly 60,000 hours a week at Red Cross headquarters alone. They contributed to the health and comfort of our forces over 32,000 hospital garments, nearly 82,000 refugee garments, nearly 263,000 surgical dressings, 19,000 knitted socks and 18,000 sweaters. In addition, independent organizations which antedated the foundation of these councils and continued to the end of the struggle, added a splendid chapter of volunteer effort. For instance, the Sacred Heart War Relief, of Springfield, during the two years of strife, raised nearly $10,000 for relief, furnished complete kits to the departing soldiers, and sent them over five hundred boxes each Christmas.

Fifty-seven Catholic names appear as "buried or lost at sea," and this simple announcement conceals many a death of heroism, of which one was the self-sacrificing death of a Springfield Diocese boy, Chief Machinist James A. McGourty, of St. Paul's Parish, Worcester. When his vessel, the Lake Moor, was torpedoed and became so unmanageable that the boats could not be lowered, he volunteered to go down into the torrid inferno of the engine room, to shut off the raging steam that was responsible for the vessel's action. Blanket over his head, he went down backwards, accomplished his purpose, but never returned. The boats were lowered, and officers and crew escaped to relate the heroic death of a former altar boy at St. Paul's, Worcester. Such instances as this give a glimpse at the heroism often concealed in the bare announcement "lost at sea." In recognition of his heroism, McGourty received, posthumously, the Distinguished Service Medal, the Croix de Guerre and the Navy Cross.

Catholic Springfield, too, furnished a full share of able and inspiring leaders. Major General William P. Hayes, of Springfield, was the real organizer of the 104th, which he led to the trenches and commanded that first trying winter "over there." This finely trained regiment was the only unit in the American forces that was decorated by the French Government. Brigadier General Thomas E. Foley and Colonel John F. J. Herbert, of Worcester, and Col. William Dolan, of Fitchburg, who rose to Chief Ordnance Officer of the Twenty-Sixth (Yankee) Division, won their spurs in actual combat, while Major James Duane, of Clinton, received his last promotion on the field at Verdun.

In our naval forces, Captain John J. Hyland, of Holyoke, a graduate of Annapolis in 1900, and at present commander of the U. S. Battleship Nevada, was one of those wonderful convoy leaders who all but defied the German submarines.

We know, of course, that our data from the National Catholic Welfare Conference does not tell the whole story, and that, consequently, our attention will be called to many an omission in this recital. We shall be anxious to receive any and all additions and corrections. *The* MIRROR will gladly see to it that all data thus received reaches the official archives of the National Catholic Welfare Conference's historical department at Washington, where it will help complete the record of Springfield's outstanding contribution to the success of American arms.

As an example of information not yet received at the headquarters of the National Catholic Welfare Conference, we cite the case of Chief Machinist McGourty, already described, and that of Edward F. Murphy, of West Fitchburg, whose lists of medals and citations look like a regimental roll of honor, rather than the heroic records of two soldiers. The valor of Private Murphy was officially recognized by

1. A Distinguished Service Cross and citation.
2. French War Cross and citation.
3. Italian Military Medal and citation.
4. Two divisional citations by General Edwards.

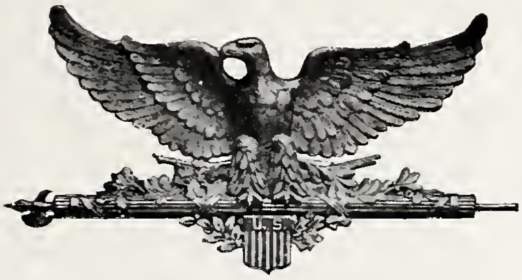
Such omissions as these throw into eloquent relief the incompleteness of the records thus far sent to the National Catholic Welfare Conference.

The twenty chaplains from our diocese recall the fact that, in order to furnish our quota, a class of seminarians were ordained early. More than the number of priests called for offered their services, and five more than our quota were accepted. In alphabetical order, our chaplains who served under the American flag were Rev. J. H. Boutin, Rev. J. M. Burke, Rev. A. J. Cayer, Rev. Geo. S. L. Connor, Rev. W. F. Davitt, Rev. J. J. Fitzgibbons, Rev. C. L. Foley, Rev. P. H. Gauthier, Rev. H. J. Hackett, Rev. L. E. Laviolette, Rev. J. F. Martin, Rev. G. S. McGourty, Rev. J. F. Mongovan, Rev. A. T. Nowak, Rev. J. F. Reilly, Rev. H. Remy, Rev. L. F. Rock, Rev. R. J. Shields, Rev. J. D Sullivan and Rev. J. W. Tobin. They belong to that group of Catholic chaplains of whom an admiring soldier said: "They were all . . . . wonderful." Father Connor, of the Cathedral, received the Croix de Guerre.

A special contribution of our diocese to the cause of the Allies, though not directly to the cause of Old Glory, was that of the Assumption Fathers, at Worcester, who served under the tricolor of France, or the sister tricolor of Belgium. Every member of the faculty of Assumption College saw service in the great struggle, and three of them, all decorated for bravery, made the supreme sacrifice: Rev. M. C. Bouillon, who fell at Verdun, on the field that immortalized the slogan: "They shall not pass"; Rev. J. Vallon, wounded in 1916 and killed in action in 1917; and Rev. G. Boudou, fatally wounded at Mt. Kemmel, in Flanders. All three received the Croix de Guerre, and Father Boudou was posthumously awarded the Medaille Militaire. Besides those who gave up their lives that France might live, Father Guissard was decorated seven times for heroism under fire, Father Cleux received both the Croix de Guerre and the Medaille Militaire for intrepidity in battle, and Father Dumoulin was decorated with the Croix de Guerre. They served as soldiers in France and chaplains in Belgium. They saw service from the opening struggle at Namur to the closing gun, and served alike in Belgium, along the Hindenburg line, and on the Greek front.

For the entire faculty of a college to volunteer would be a wonderful record under the most favorable circumstances. The action of these fathers, who volunteered from Worcester, is an outstanding proof of Catholic patriotism, how Catholics give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar, no matter how outrageously unjust Caesar may have been to them. These scholarly priests were victims of radical injustice, had been driven out of France by the decree of Premier Combes, in 1899. Yet, when the party of Combes was failing France, when socialist leaders were proving corrupt and selfish, these exiled religious answered the call of national distress, and offered their lifeblood for the land which denied them community existence. They were typical of French Catholics, whose patriotism, under the able and inspiring leadership of such Catholics as Foch, Joffre, Castelnau and Petain, saved Paris and France from the results of their own folly in closing their most patriotic schools and driving to more friendly shores their most patriotic sons and daughters. It might, perhaps, be too much to hope that France may not forget.

The Catholic record for bravery, as revealed in military citations and decorations, is so brilliant that we append the entire list, so far as we have been able to compile it, as a permanent record of the "high spots" in Springfield's superb contribution to the victory of the American colors along the far-flung battle line of the World War.



American Citations and Decorations

Belanger, Edward A. *Private.* Co. F, 9th infantry, 2d division. Born at North Adams, enlisted at Chicopee Falls. At Vaux, France, July 1, 1918, he bravely attacked eight of the enemy, killing four, capturing four. Distinguished service cross.

Blanchette, Edward W. *Corporal.* Co. A, 104th infantry, 26th division. Born at Millbury, enlisted there. Near Verdun, Oct. 16, 1918, although wounded and ordered to rear, when sergeant killed, he took command and continued until he dropped from exhaustion. Distinguished service cross.

Blessing, George *Corporal.* Co. E, 38th infantry, 3d division. Born in New York City; enlisted at Pittsfield. Killed by shellfire at Moulins, July 14-15, 1918, after leading his command in such stubborn resistance that the enemy was prevented from getting foothold at important point. Distinguished service cross.

Bolack, William F. *Mechanic.* Machine-gun company, 104th infantry, 26th division. Born in Springfield, enlisted there. Near Verdun, Oct. 25, 1918, while taking train of machine-gun carts to relief of company, caught in terrific bombardment. Wounded, several of his mules killed, train scattered, he had his wounds dressed and continued his work, passing through bombardment three times. Distinguished service cross.

Boucher, Adelarde *Private, 1st Class.* Headquarters Co., 101st infantry, 26th division. Born in Canada, enlisted at Fitchburg. In the Belieu Bois, Oct. 23-26, 1918, served as liaison runner under heavy fire, keeping units in contact and aiding in necessary distribution of ammunition. Distinguished service cross.

Bresnahan, Thomas F. *1st Lieutenant.* Born at Fitchburg, enlisted there. With 38th infantry, 3d division, near Mezy, France, July 15th, 1918, organized detachment of orderlies, runners and casuals, completing rout of German patrol. Distinguished service cross.

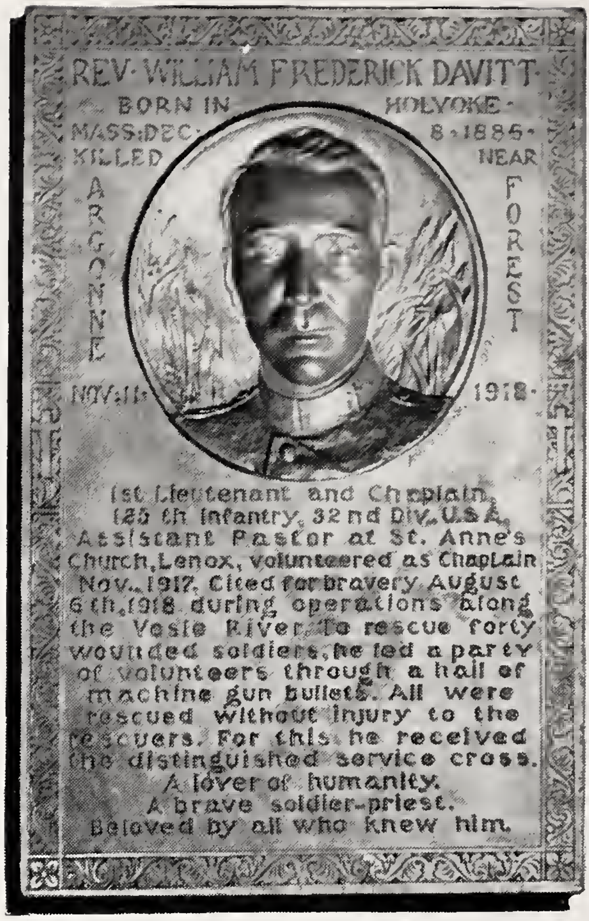
Brosnahan, Daniel T. *Private.* Born in Springfield and enlisted there. With Co. M, 326th infantry, 82d division, near St. Juvin, France, Oct. 16, 1918, three times advanced under heavy artillery fire, well in advance of front lines, rescuing wounded comrades. Distinguished service cross.

Buckley, Harold R. *1st Lieutenant.* Born at Westfield, enlisted at Agawam. Pilot, 95th aero squadron, near Perles, Aug. 10, 1918, destroyed one of six enemy planes, the others fleeing; then escorted allied observation plane to aerodrome. Near Neuville and Boureuilles, Sept. 16-17, 1918, dived through violent anti-aircraft fire and destroyed enemy balloon. Next day, leading patrol, shot down enemy plane. Distinguished service cross, oak-leaf cluster, bronze oak leaf.

Clark, Harold S. *Private.* Born at Ware, enlisted there. With medical detachment, 104th infantry, near Belleau and Givry, July 18-21, 1918, repeatedly exposed himself to concentrated fire to carry wounded men from front lines. Distinguished service cross.

Daley, Edmund L. *Colonel.* Born at Worcester, enlisted there. Served with distinction as division engineer, 3d division, showing great energy and resourcefulness. With remarkable skill, laid out defense scheme for positions taken in Meuse-Argonne offensive. Distinguished service medal.

Davitt, Rev. William F. *Chaplain.* Holyoke. Entered service Sept., 1917, with rank of 1st lieutenant, serving with 125th infantry. On Aug. 6, 1918, during operations along the Vesle River, learning that 40 Americans were cut off in a ravine, he called for volunteers and led a rescuing party through a hail of machine-gun bullets. The party rescued every one of the wounded men, and not a member of the rescuing party was hit. Cited for gallantry and meritorious conduct. Killed Nov.



REV· WILLIAM FREDERICK DAVITT·
BORN IN HOLYOKE·
MASS·DEC· 8·1886·
KILLED NEAR
ARGONNE FOREST
NOV·11· 1918·

1st Lieutenant and Chaplain, 125 th Infantry, 32nd Div. U.S.A. Assistant Pastor at St. Anne's Church, Lenox, volunteered as Chaplain Nov., 1917. Cited for bravery August 6th, 1918 during operations along the Vesle River. To rescue forty wounded soldiers, he led a party of volunteers through a hail of machine gun bullets. All were rescued without injury to the rescuers. For this he received the distinguished service cross.

A lover of humanity.
A brave soldier-priest.
Beloved by all who knew him.

Memorial Tablet, St. Anne's Church, Lenox

IN MEMORIAM

Reverend William F. Davitt

Native of Holyoke, zealous priest of our diocese, who did the Master's work in Westboro, Worcester and Lenox; volunteered for chaplain duty in the World War in 1917; cited for bravery in 1918 when, amid a rain of machine-gun bullets, he volunteered and led a successful sortie to rescue forty wounded soldiers; received the Distinguished Service Cross; was the last enlisted officer to make the supreme sacrifice — fell on Armistice Day morning, 1918. Worcester preserves his honored name in the title of a public square, Lenox lovingly placed a memorial tablet in St. Ann's Church, whence he answered the call to the colors, and her K. of C. council adopted his name. His native State honors his memory with a bronze memorial in the State House at Boston.

11, 1918, one hour before hostilities ceased. Distinguished service cross.

Donahue, Michael J. *Sergeant.* Born in Ireland, enlisted at Springfield. With Co. H, 18th infantry, 1st division, near Exermont, Oct. 4-5, 1918, with small group captured machine-gun nest. Next day, repulsed in attack, advanced under heavy fire to recover wounded; then reorganized platoon, advanced and took enemy gun and crew. Distinguished service cross.

Doyle, Luke C. *Major.* Sanitary corps, General Headquarters, A. E. F. Born at Worcester, enlisted there. Awarded distinguished service medal for aggressive action in times of emergency, for his marked ability in hospital management and his material contributions in saving the lives of many wounded.

Doyle, William. *Sergeant.* Holyoke. With Co. D, 104th infantry, in command of platoon at Chateau-Thierry, was ordered to put enemy machine gun out of action. In advance against heavy fire, two of his men being killed, single-handed took six prisoners hiding in shell-hole. When balance of men arrived, advanced to gun, shielding themselves behind prisoners, capturing gun and its crew. Distinguished service cross.

Fitzgerald, Howard P. *Private.* Co. L, 104th infantry, 26th division. Born at Springfield and enlisted there. At Bois Brule, April 10, 1918, under heavy fire, attempted to dig out buried comrade and persisted until mortally wounded. Distinguished service cross.

Foley, Thomas F. *Captain.* Born at Worcester and enlisted there. With 101st infantry, 26th division, near Vaux, July 15-22, 1918, led battalion with exceptional bravery and judgment. Encountering strong resistance, personally went forward and reconnoitered under machine-gun fire and led his command in successful attacks. Distinguished service cross.

Graveline, Fred C. *Sergeant, 1st Class.* 20th aero squadron. Born at West Warren; enlisted at Cleveland, O. Near Villers-devant-Dun and Mouzon, Sept. 29-Nov. 5, 1918, on 17 bombing expeditions, reached objective on 14, shooting down two enemy aircraft and on two occasions drove off superior number of enemy. Distinguished service cross.

Grimes, Eustis B. *2d Lieutenant.* Born at Belmont; enlisted at Fitchburg. With 102d infantry, 26th division, at Marcheville, Sept. 26, 1918, displayed exceptional bravery with his detachment, advancing under intense fire to wipe out machine-gun nest and capture gun. Distinguished service cross.

Howe, Maurice W. *Captain.* 167th infantry, 42d division. Born at Merrimac, enlisted at Fitchburg. Near Haumont, Sept. 22, 1918, led successful early morning raid on Haumont and returned alone to see that none had been left wounded. Distinguished service cross.

Hussey, John. *Sergeant.* Born in Ireland; enlisted at Westfield. With Co. I, 325th infantry, 82d division, near St. Juvin, Oct. 16, 1918, led platoon under intense fire from machine-gun nest, being killed in the attack. Distinguished service cross.

Jacques, Leo P. T. *Sergeant.* Born at Greenfield; enlisted there. With Co. L, 104th infantry, 26th division, at Bois Brule, April 10, 1918, went into shell-swept area to bring wounded back, carrying one man more than 50 yards under heavy fire. Distinguished service cross.

Jones, George W. *1st Lieutenant.* Born at Worcester; enlisted there. With 102d field artillery, 26th division, in Ravine-de-Bois-de-Canres, Oct. 31, 1918, painfully injured by bursting shell, but directed work of rescuing wounded, reorganized his battery and began attack on enemy. Distinguished service cross.

LaPean, Fred W. *Sergeant.* Medical detachment, 7th infantry, 3d division. Born at Turners Falls; enlisted at Holyoke. Near Cierges, Sept. 30, 1918, seen by enemy and subjected to heavy machine-gun fire, crawled from shell hole to shell hole, giving first-aid to wounded. Distinguished service cross.

Lavoie, Leo J. *Corporal.* Born at Fitchburg; enlisted at Lunenburg. With Co. D, 16th infantry, 1st division, led squad in Argonne Forest, Oct. 9, 1918, to capture important machine-gun nest, guiding men through deadly fire without loss. Later in day, killed while leading squad. Distinguished service cross.

Lawless, Edward R. *Sergeant-Major.* Born at Leominster; enlisted at Boston. With Headquarters company, 39th infantry, 4th division, near Troesnes, July 18, 1918, ran 500 yards through open field to carry important message, completing mission in face of almost certain death. Distinguished service cross.

Le Clair, Arthur H. *Corporal.* Born at Fitchburg, enlisted at Gardner. With Co. D, 16th infantry, 1st division, in Argonne Forest, Oct. 12, 1918, led squad under heavy fire far in advance of front lines, establishing position and maintaining it until relieved. Distinguished service cross.

Lee, Alfred P. *Private.* Born at Ware; enlisted at Northampton. With Co. L, 104th infantry, 26th division, at Apremont, April 10, 1918, went through shellfire to rescue wounded, bringing one man back nearly 50 yards through scene of action. Distinguished service cross.

Mansfield, James R. *Sergeant.* Medical detachment, 311th machine-gun battalion, 79th division. Born at Haydenville; enlisted there. Near Montfaucon, Sept. 29, 1918, exposed himself to great danger in caring for wounded and, though wounded himself, refused to go to rear until ordered to do so by commander. Distinguished service cross.

Marino, Charles. *Private.* Co. L, 104th infantry, 26th division. Born in Italy; enlisted at Greenfield. Went through shell-swept area at Bois Brule, April 10, 1918, to rescue wounded officer. Distinguished service cross.

Marquette, Louis F. *Corporal.* Co. B, 104th infantry, 26th division. Born at Springfield; enlisted there. Near Verdun, Oct. 15, 1918, went beyond front lines under terrific fire to bring back two wounded comrades. Distinguished service cross.

McCann, Walter J. *Private.* Born at Springfield; enlisted there. With medical detachment, 104th infantry, 26th division, at Bois Brule, April 10, 1918, ran through heavily shelled area to rescue wounded soldier and carry him, unaided, to dressing station. Distinguished service cross.

McCollum, Joseph *Wagoner.* Co. B, 10th machine-gun battalion, 4th division. Born at Ludlow; enlisted at Springfield. When several officers and men failed, volunteered for liaison duty and succeeded under severe fire. Later, though temporarily stunned by shell explosion, accomplished second mission and remained on duty until ordered to rear. At Bois-de-Roi, July 23, 1918. Distinguished service cross.

McGuire, Earl R. *Sergeant.* Born at Greenfield; enlisted there. With Co. L, 104th infantry, 26th division, near Chateau-Thierry, July 18, 1918, severely wounded in head, but struggled to lead platoon, instilling courage in his men. Distinguished service cross.

McGuirl, Bernard. *Corporal.* Born at Fitchburg; enlisted there. With Headquarters company, 101st infantry, 26th division, near Verdun, Oct. 23, 1918, severely wounded, tourniquet applied, ordered second in command to continue, refusing aid until mission complete. Died on way to hospital. Distinguished service cross.

McManus, Walter P. *Corporal.* Born at Worcester; enlisted at Brooklyn, N. Y. With Co. M, 107th infantry, 27th division, advanced in plain view of enemy and under severe fire to rescue wounded man, and though badly wounded himself, returned him to safety. At Catelet, Sept. 29, 1918. Distinguished service cross.

McNally, William H. *Lieutenant.* Resident of Holyoke. Enlisted in marine corps in 1909. Served in World War with 20th company, 5th regiment of marines. Was gunnery sergeant until after fighting at Chateau-Thierry and Bois de Belleau. When platoon commander wounded, took charge and, against terrific fire, led his men into action, capturing a gun. Killed in action July 19, 1918, while leading his battalion. Distinguished service medal.

McNeece, John H. *Private.* Born at Pittsfield; enlisted at Holbrook. With Co. D, 101st infantry, 26th division, in Houppy Bois, Oct. 23, 1918, repeatedly carried messages and rescued wounded while under heavy fire and went to rear under heavy artillery fire to secure food for his comrades. Distinguished service cross.

Murphy, Edward F. *Corporal.* Born at Quincy; enlisted at Fitchburg. Near Verdun, Oct. 16, 1918, with Co. D, 104th infantry, 26th division, when platoon surrounded, held off enemy by rifle fire until comrades could escape, being severely wounded while covering their retreat. Distinguished service cross.

Myers, George F. *Private, 1st Class.* Co. D, 16th infantry, 1st division. Born at Northampton; enlisted there. In Argonne Forest, Oct. 9, 1918, when company blocked by machine-gun fire, advanced into fog and captured gun and its entire crew. Distinguished service cross.

Page, Alfred W. *Private.* Born at Wilkinsonville; enlisted at Easthampton. With Co. D, 16th infantry, 1st division, near Soissons, July 18-23, 1918, during five days subjected himself to intense fire from enemy while engaged in important liaison duties. Distinguished service cross.

Parent, Joseph C. *Private, 1st Class.* Born at Webster; enlisted there. With Battery B, 102d field artillery, 26th division, at Seicheprey, April 20, 1918, while severely wounded in head and leg, continued to repair telephone lines and establish communication. Distinguished service cross.

Pierce, Edward A. *Private, 1st Class.* Co. C, 107th infantry, 27th division. Born at Springfield; enlisted at New York. During attack on Hindenburg line, Sept. 29, 1918, severely wounded and hardly able to walk, continued to advance, inflicting severe losses on enemy and being killed in the attack. Distinguished service cross.

Pollinger, Frank J. *Private.* Co. G, 308th infantry, 77th division. Born at Worcester; enlisted there. Near Charlvaux, Oct. 3-7, 1918, when battalion surrounded and squad leader disabled, took command, though suffering from wound four days previous, and inspired men until compelled to withdraw because of second wound. Distinguished service cross.

Pozzi, William. *Corporal.* Born in Italy; enlisted at Springfield. With Co. G, 104th infantry, 26th division, near Belleau, July 21, 1918, voluntarily left trench and ran through heavy shellfire to rescue wounded man. Distinguished service cross.

Rindeau, Arthur J. *Gunnery Sergeant.* Born at Saratoga, N. Y., and enlisted at Southbridge. With 47th company, 5th regiment, U. S. Marines, at Chateau-Thierry, June 6, 1918, killed in action while displaying great heroism in face of enemy fire. Distinguished service cross.

Roy, Ernest J. *Musician, 3d Class.* Holyoke. Headquarters company, 104th infantry. Cited for gallantry and especially meritorious service in action against the enemy in Bois Brule sector, April 2-14, 1918. Distinguished service cross.

Roy, John W. *Bugler.* Co. M, 311th infantry, 78th division. Born at Worcester; enlisted there. In Belleau Wood, July 18-19, 1918, displayed notable bravery in delivering messages after three had been killed and fourth wounded on same route. Distinguished service cross.

Ryan, William P. *Major.* Holyoke. Medical department. Entered service Dec. 18, 1916, as 1st lieutenant and assigned to El Paso, Tex., for service on Mexican border. Assigned to service in World War with rank of captain. Became chief surgeon, 1st division, machine-gun battalion. Took active part in Marne counter-offensive. During hostile airplane raid on Joinville, July 10, 1918, displayed extraordinary heroism and total disregard for own safety by going about town and administering to wounded French soldiers and civilians, saving lives of many. Spent all night operating on civilians, having established first-aid station at Charpentry, which was under heavy artillery fire. Remained constantly at post, devotion and ability saving many lives, both French and American. Distinguished service cross.

Shea, William A. *Sergeant.* Machine-gun company, 39th infantry, 4th division. Born at Holyoke; enlisted at Niagara Falls, N. Y. Near Cuisy, Sept. 26, 1918, painfully wounded, placed himself in exposed position between two enemy machine-guns and for two hours directed fire of heavy machine-gun attack on enemy. Distinguished service cross.

Stack, William A. *Lieutenant.* Holyoke. With 175th field artillery, cited for maintaining communication throughout entire time his outfit occupied important sector, never once losing contact with regimental headquarters. Distinguished service cross.

Toelkin, Julius W. *2d Lieutenant.* 104th infantry, 26th division. Born at Suffield, Conn.; enlisted at Springfield. Near Bouresches, July 20, 1918, advance checked by machine-gun fire, crawled forward alone until he could fire and kill three of machine-gun crew. His platoon then took the gun. Distinguished service cross.

Turano, John. *Private.* Born at Westerly, R. I., and enlisted at Worcester. With Co. I, 23d infantry, 2d division, near Vaux, July 1, 1918, sacrificed his life in effort to bring aid to his captain, wounded in place unsheltered from enemy fire. Distinguished service cross.

Waskiewic, Joseph. *Private.* Born at Thorndike; enlisted at New Bedford. With Co. A, 11th machine-gun battalion, 4th division, near Bois-de-Brieulles, Oct. 9-13, 1918, served as runner in heavily-shelled area and, though wounded, continued in active duty. Distinguished service cross.

Zambryski, Alexander. *Private.* Born in Poland; enlisted at Worcester. With Co. M, 9th infantry, 2d division, near Mousson, Nov. 7, 1918, went to rescue of comrade in face of enemy fire from four machine-guns, carrying him to safety. Distinguished service cross, oak leaf cluster.

Foreign Decorations

Aldrich, Francis A. *Private.* Westboro. French croix de guerre with silver star.

Beaupre, Charles T. *2d Lieutenant.* Holyoke. French croix de guerre with silver star.

Belanger, Edward A. *Private.* Chicopee Falls. French croix de guerre with gilt star.

Belisle, Eugene S. *1st Lieutenant.* Worcester. French croix de guerre with bronze star.

Bernier, Leo J. *Private.* Leominster. French croix de guerre with bronze star.

Blair, Joseph E. *Private.* Co. E, 104th Infantry, Holyoke. French croix de guerre with gilt star.

Blais, Albert J. *Private.* Holyoke. French croix de guerre with palm.

Bolack, William E. *Private.* Springfield. French croix de guerre with gilt star.

Boucher, Adelarde. *Private.* Fitchburg. French croix de guerre with silver star.

Boufford, Fred J. *Private.* Millbury. French croix de guerre with bronze star.

Bourgeois, John B. *Sergeant.* Worcester. French croix de guerre with gilt star.

Bovin, Wilfred A. *Private.* Fitchburg. French croix de guerre with bronze star.

Brosnahan, Daniel T. *Private.* Springfield. French croix de guerre with gilt star.

Brosnihan, John F. *Private.* Deceased. Worcester. French croix de guerre with gilt star.

Brosnihan, John J. *Private.* Worcester. French croix de guerre with silver star.

Burns, Matthew G. *Private.* Gardner. French croix de guerre with silver star.

Caron, Henry F. *Private.* Adams. French croix de guerre with gilt star.

Champagne, Alfred G. Deceased. Chicopee Falls. French croix de guerre with gilt star.

Colwell, Arthur V. *Sergeant.* Pittsfield. French croix de guerre with bronze star.

Connelly, William R. *Sergeant.* Turners Falls. French croix de guerre with gilt star.

Connor, Rev. George S. L. *Chaplain.* 3d army corps. Springfield. French croix de guerre with silver star.

Coogan, William C. *1st Lieutenant.* Pittsfield. French croix de guerre with palm.

Cosgrove, Mark F. *Corporal.* Co. C, 104th Infantry, 26th division. Worcester. French croix de guerre with gilt star.

Cullen, Arlington C. *Private.* Co. E, 104th infantry. Orange. French croix de guerre with gilt star.

Curran, George L. *1st Lieutenant.* Medical Corps. North Adams. French medaille d'honneur des Epidemies, silver.

Desilets, Patrick. *Corporal.* Co. E, 30th infantry. Holyoke. French croix de guerre with bronze star.

Dion, Arthur J. *Sergeant.* Co. F, 326th infantry. Springfield. French croix de guerre with gilt star.

Donahue, Lawrence L. *Private.* Amb. Serv. Amherst. French croix de guerre with bronze star.

Donissoni, Egisto. *Private.* Co. K, 10th infantry. Milford. French croix de guerre with gilt star.

Donoghue, Michael J. *Captain.* 339th infantry. Holyoke. French croix de guerre with bronze star. Russian Order of St. Vladimir with Swords, 4th Class. British Distinguished Service Order.

Doyle, Luke C. *Major.* Sanitary Corps. Worcester. French Legion d'Honneur, Chevalier. French croix de guerre with silver star.

Durkin, Joseph J. *Private.* 102d field artillery, 2d division. Brookfield. French croix de guerre with bronze star.

Fitzgerald, Howard P. *Private.* Deceased. Co. L, 104th infantry. Springfield. French croix de guerre with gilt star.

Flagg, John A. *Sergeant.* Co. G, 101st infantry. Worcester. French croix de guerre with bronze star.

Flood, John R. Headquarters Co., 104th infantry. French croix de guerre.

Foley, Thomas F. *Captain.* 101st infantry. Worcester. French croix de guerre with palm. French Legion d'Honneur, Chevalier.

Fregeau, Aime N. *1st Lieutenant.* Medical Corps. Fitchburg. Roumanian Order of the Crown with Swords, Chevalier.

Galvin, John J. *2d Lieutenant.* Deceased. Greenfield. French croix de guerre with gilt star.

Gardella, Frank. *Private.* Battery B, 44th C. A. C. Worcester. French croix de guerre with bronze star.

Gully, Edward J. *1st Lieutenant.* 102d field artillery. Worcester. French croix de guerre with bronze star.

Houle, Alfred J. Co. C, 26th infantry, 1st division. Leominster. French Medaille Militaire. French croix de guerre with palm.

Howe, Maurice W. *Captain.* 167th infantry, 42d division. Fitchburg. Belgian Chevalier de l'Ordre de Leopold.

Hubbard, William H. *Sergeant-Major.* 9th infantry, 2d division. Fitchburg. French croix de guerre with silver star.

Jaques, Leo P. T. *Sergeant.* Co. L, 104th infantry. Greenfield. French croix de guerre with gilt star.

Jones, George W. *Captain.* 102d field artillery. Worcester. French croix de guerre with palm.

Kelly, Cornelius F. *Corporal.* Deceased. Battery B, 102d F. A. Worcester. French croix de guerre with bronze star.

King, Edward F. *Private.* Headquarters Co., 17th F. A. 2d division. West Brookfield. French croix de guerre with silver star.

Kyne, Michael O. *Mechanic.* Co. B, 102d F. A. West Brookfield. French croix de guerre with gilt star.

La Branche, Ernest C. *Corporal.* Battery E, 102d F. A. Worcester. French croix de guerre with silver star.

La Plante, Albert A. *Private.* Ambulance service. Williamstown. French croix de guerre with bronze star.

Madden, Joseph R. *Private.* Co. E, 102d F. A. Worcester. French croix de guerre with gilt star.

Marino, Charles. *Private.* Deceased. Co. L, 104th infantry. Greenfield. French croix de guerre with gilt star.

McCann, Arthur A. *Private.* Battery B, 102d F. A. Worcester. French croix de guerre with gilt star.

McCann, Walter J. *Private.* Medical Detachment. 104th infantry. Springfield. French croix de guerre with gilt star.

McElhone, Thomas. *Sergeant.* Co. K, 10th infantry. Chicopee Falls. French croix de guerre with gilt star.

McGuire, Earl R. *Sergeant.* Co. L, 104th infantry. Greenfield. French croix de guerre with gilt star.

Milner, Henry J. *Sergeant.* Co. C, 1st Engineers. Indian Orchard. French croix de guerre with silver star.

Murphy, Edward F. *Corporal.* Co. D, 104th infantry. Fitchburg. French croix de guerre with gilt star.

Myers, George F. *Private.* Co. D, 16th infantry. Northampton. French Medaille Militaire. French croix de guerre with palm. French croix de guerre with gilt star.

Neil, Robert. *Corporal.* Co. F, 23d infantry. Holyoke. French croix de guerre with bronze star.

Offinger, Earl C. *Captain.* 315th infantry. Northampton. French croix de guerre with gilt star.

O'Lari, Charles F. *Sergeant.* Co. E, 104th infantry. Orange. French croix de guerre with gilt star.

Page, Alfred W. *Private.* Co. D, 16th infantry. Easthampton. French croix de guerre with palm.

Parent, Joseph C. *Private.* Co. B, 102d F. A. Webster. French croix de guerre with gilt star.

Pinard, Edward O. *Private.* Machine-Gun Battalion, C. A. C. Fitchburg. French croix de guerre with gilt star.

Pozzi, William. *Corporal.* Co. G, 104th infantry. Springfield. French croix de guerre with gilt star.

Rice, John T. *Corporal.* Deceased. Battery B, 102d F. A. Worcester. French croix de guerre with bronze star.

Roberts, Francis J. *1st Lieutenant.* Worcester. French croix de guerre with gilt star.

Roche, Harry B. *Bugler.* 104th infantry. Springfield. French croix de guerre with gilt star.

Roy, John W. *Private.* Co. H, 104th infantry. Worcester. French croix de guerre with gilt star.

Ryan, William P. *Captain.* Medical Corps. Holyoke. French croix de guerre with silver star.

St. Lawrence, Louis E. *Captain.* Co. H, 9th infantry. Holyoke. French croix de guerre with silver star.

Sheridan, Philip I. *Sergeant.* Battery A, 120th F. A. Worcester. French croix de guerre with silver star.

Slattery, Robert G. *Private.* Headquarters Company, 104th infantry. Springfield. French croix de guerre with gilt star.

Stack, William A. *Lieutenant.* 175th field artillery. Holyoke. French croix de guerre.

Stefanik, John. *Private.* Co. G, 104th infantry. Chicopee. French croix de guerre with gilt star.

Suchocki, Boleslaw. *Sergeant.* Co. D, 1st Engineers. Worcester. French croix de guerre with bronze star.

Sullivan, Timothy J. *Sergeant.* Co. G, 101st infantry. Worcester. French croix de guerre with bronze star.

Thebert, William F. *Private.* Co. K, 23d infantry. Springfield. French croix de guerre with bronze star.

Thompson, Andrew W. *1st Lieutenant.* 102d F. A. Worcester. French croix de guerre with gilt star.

Tisdell, Walter A. *1st Lieutenant.* 104th infantry. Worcester. French croix de guerre with gilt star.

Triba, Robert J. *Private.* 5th Machine-Gun Battalion. Webster. French croix de guerre with bronze star.

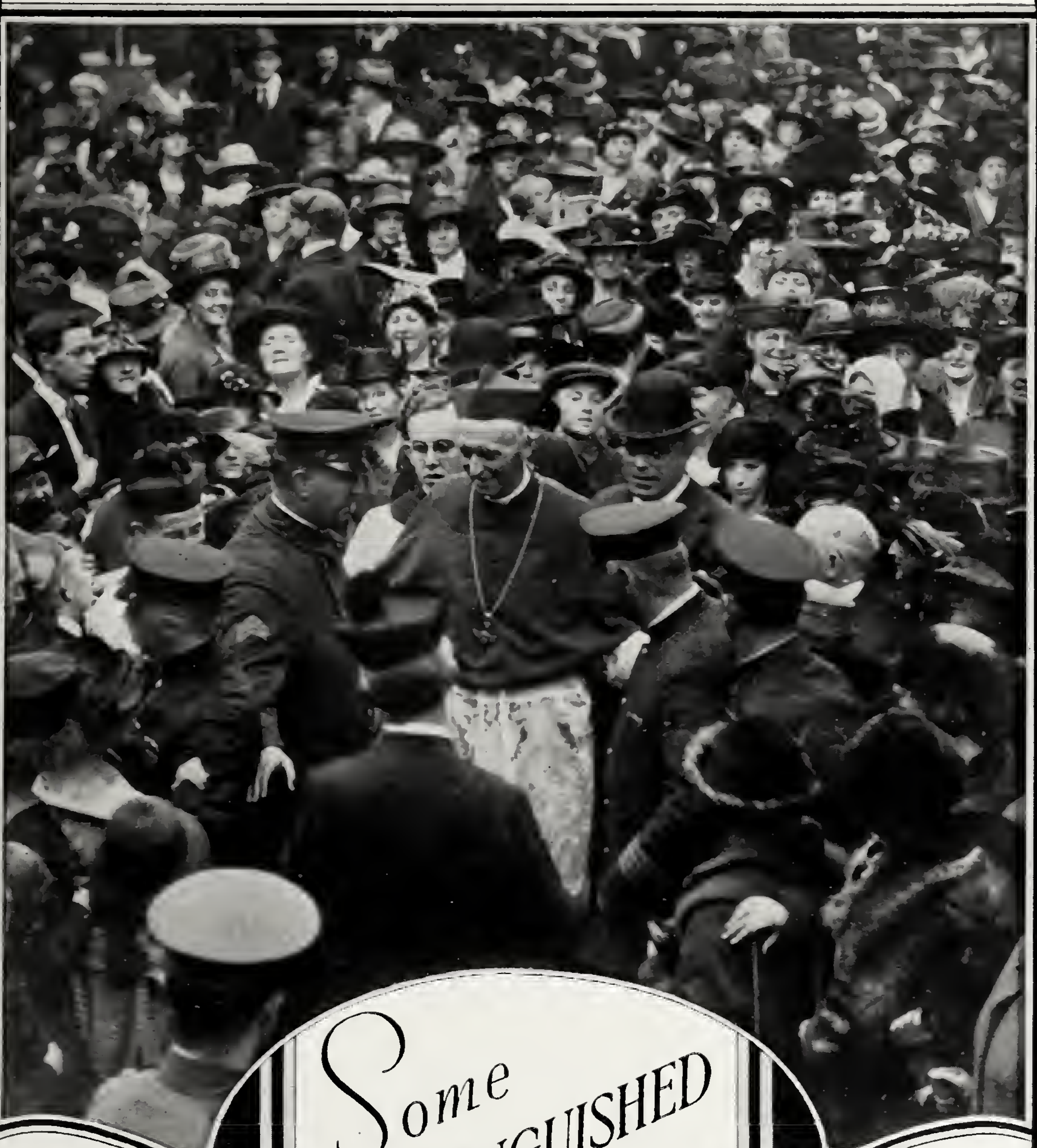
Turano, John. *Private.* Deceased. 23d infantry. Worcester. French croix de guerre with palm.

Twiss, Robert S. *1st Lieutenant.* 104th infantry. Worcester. French croix de guerre with gilt star.

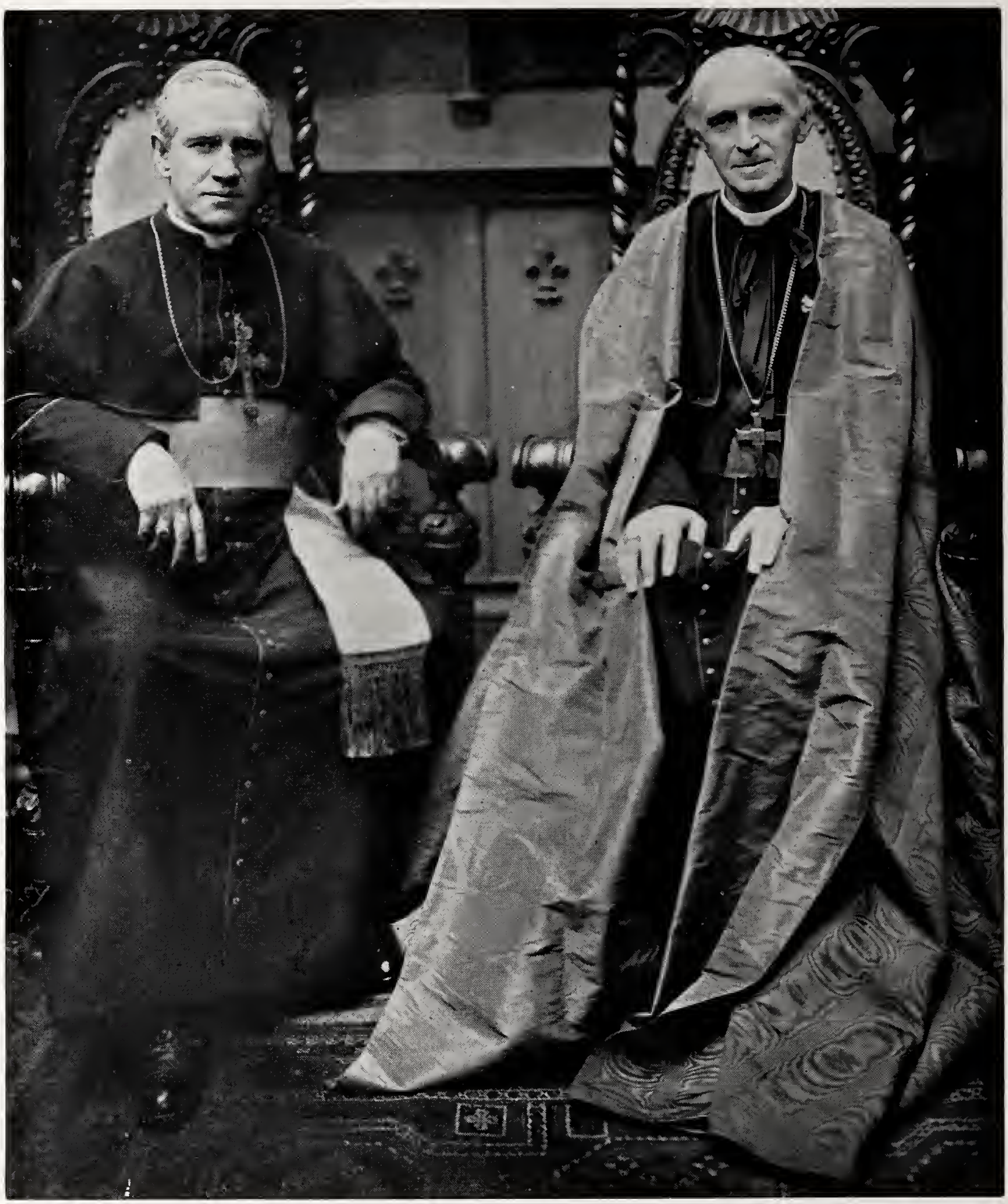
White, Arthur F. *2d Lieutenant.* Worcester. French croix de guerre with gilt star.

Waitikus, Martin. *Private.* Co. D, 103d infantry, Gardner. French croix de guerre with gilt star.

Zambrycyski, Alexander. *Private.* 9th infantry. Worcester. Italian War Cross.



Some DISTINGUISHED Visitors



Two Notable Visitors to Our Diocese

An unusual photograph of Cardinal Hayes and Cardinal Mercier, taken in New York, soon after the latter's memorable visit to Springfield. Cardinal Hayes attended the funeral service of the late Right Reverend Bishop Beaven.

Cardinal Mercier, of Belgium, addressing a multitude of admiring citizens from the steps of the Springfield Municipal Auditorium.

Cardinal Mercier, as Springfield's guest of honor, seated at the banquet table, with Bishop Beaven and Mayor Adams.

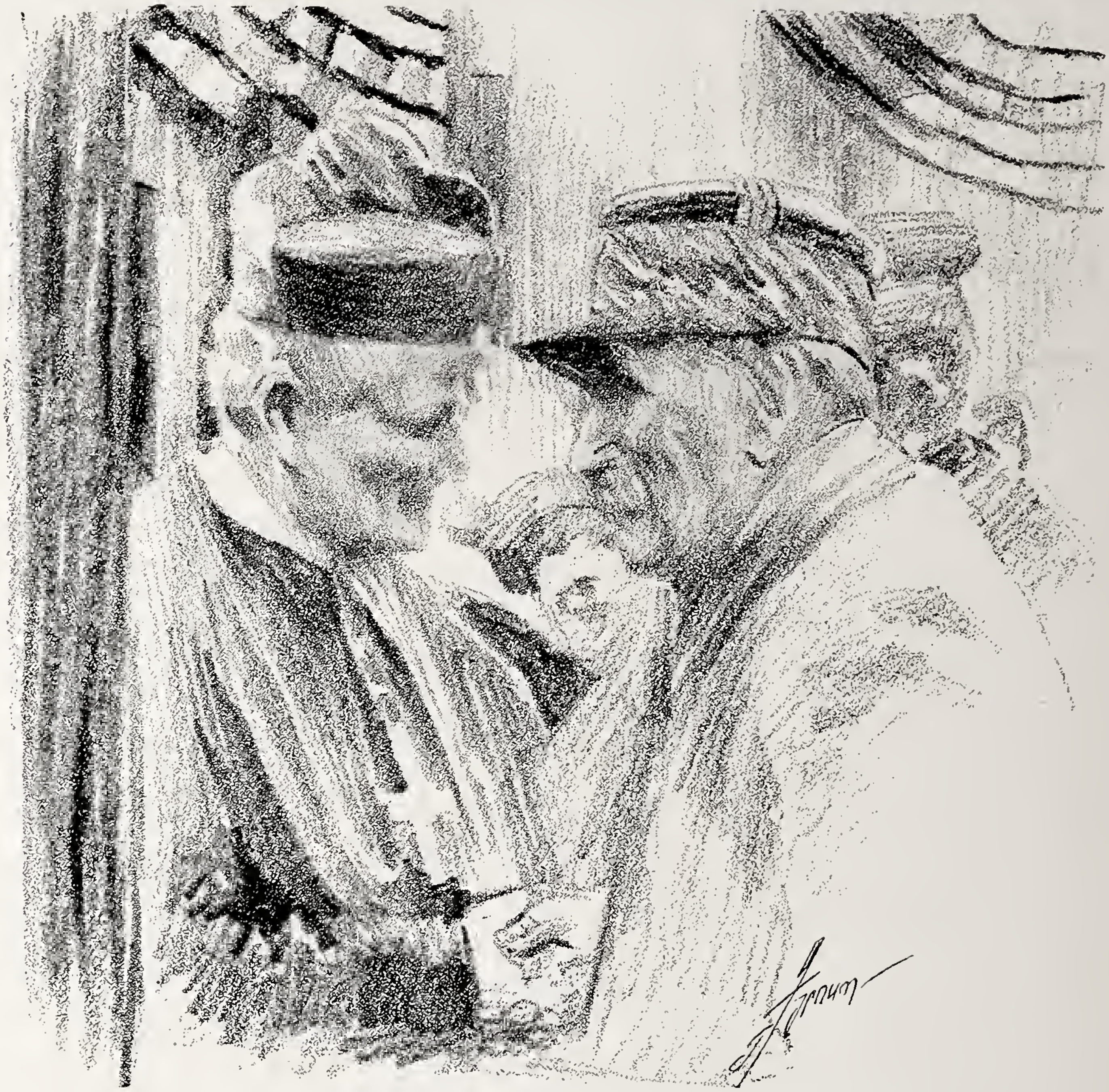
Some Distinguished Visitors

While it is obviously impossible to refer to all the distinguished guests of our diocese during the past century, we like to recall in passing how highly honored we were by several of our post-war visitors. However, one or two of our earlier visits cannot be omitted. It is not generally known that our first American cardinal, who was also the second Archbishop of New York, spent his first night as cardinal on American shores, in our diocese, in 1875. We refer to John Cardinal McCloskey, a close friend of our then vicar-general, Rev. Patrick Healy, of Chicopee. It would appear that the newly created cardinal arrived from Rome a day earlier than expected, and so hastened to spend a night with his friend at Holy Name rectory, Chicopee, returning to New York the following day, for the warm welcome of his archdiocese. Some of the "old timers" of today, who then were school children in Chicopee, remember how Father Healy called them together to receive the blessing of America's first cardinal, even before he imparted it to his own archdiocese.

Another visit of great moment, which has special significance in the light of current events, was that of Father Mathew, Ireland's fearless preacher

Gloria in Excelsis

The venerable Cardinal Mercier, celebrating Mass in St. Michael's Cathedral, Springfield.



A Memorable Incident of Marshal Foch's Visit to Springfield

Marshal Foch pays his respects to Right Reverend Bishop O'Leary, at the episcopal residence.

of total abstinence, with his pledge of total abstinence from all intoxicating drink. He came to America in 1849, preached his doctrine of total abstinence, among other places, from the steps of the old city hall at Worcester, and enrolled hundreds of thousands under a banner to which conscience, and not constitutional enactment, bound them. His achievement of enrolling 7,000,000 in the total abstinence cause, O'Connell called a "mighty miracle." Perhaps the last survivor of those who took the pledge from Father Mathew personally has passed away, but we all remember them and how sacredly they kept their promise. His presence began that temperance movement which multiplied Father Mathew societies throughout our diocese, inspired such temperance orators

HIS EXCELLENCY, PAUL CLAUDEL
Ambassador of France to the United States. Honored Guest of Assumption College, Worcester, in 1929.

as Bishop Conaty and Dr. McCoy, and a host of others, and made the diocesan field day of the Temperance Union an annual gathering, which showed the solidarity of the temperance movement and the possibilities of healthy recreation, without the artificial stimulus of strong drink.

Twenty years ago, Holy Cross commencement was honored by the presence of that great American churchman, James Cardinal Gibbons, of Baltimore. Worcester did him honor in royal manner, with splendid parade and public banquet. The cardinal delivered the address to the graduates at Holy Cross commencement, on "The Need of Our Time," and drew the indisputable conclusion that America's primary need is men of character, and consequently institutions which train men of character. The Worcester enthusiasm was a tribute to the Americanism as well as the Catholicism of the distinguished prelate.

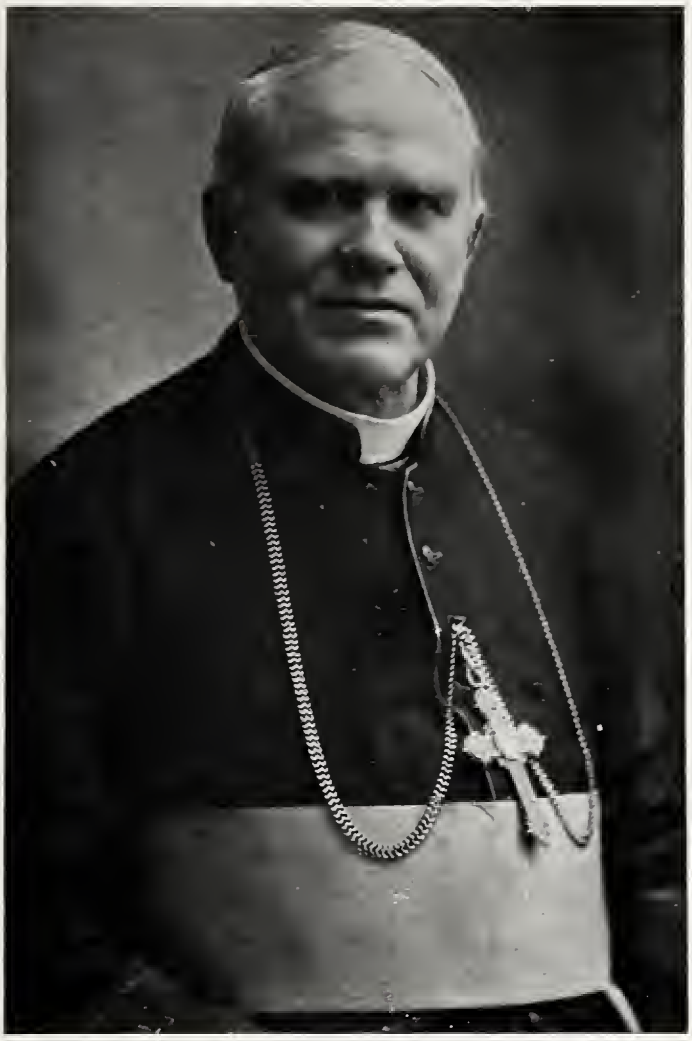
The venerable Brother Andre, renowned mystic of Montreal, and humble servant of St. Joseph.

In this post-war period, our diocese has been honored by many great Catholics, champions of human freedom against the encroachments of injustice and unbelief in its manifold forms. First, came the great Cardinal Mercier, the quiet scholar of Louvain, most profound thinker in Flanders' historic seat of learning, who rose to heroic stature amid the crushing of his people during the German invasion. Unarmed, girt by hostile forces, he yet raised his voice against oppression, thundered defiance in the face of the Teutonic war machine, and weekly, from his pulpit at Brussels, preached perseverance and trust in God to a sorely tried people which followed his leadership, and in it found national salvation. His wonderful reception in the Auditorium at Springfield, the crowds who knelt to receive his blessing and shower their blessings on him at the Cathedral, are never to be forgotten scenes in the varied story of our diocese. His reception marked also the last great occasion on which Bishop Beaven appeared, for he acted as host to the cardinal during his Springfield visit.

The enthusiasm which marked the visit of Belgium's war cardinal was duplicated when Marshal Foch came to the episcopal city. The high spot of his visit, in its unbounded enthusiasm, was when he passed the Cathedral grounds, where Bishop O'Leary was reviewing the parade, and thousands, including the Cathedral pupils, were massed in solid phalanx to do honor to the distinguished guest. The Marshal stopped his automobile when he espied the Bishop, left his place and hastened to do homage to our Springfield shepherd. Bishop and Marshal chatted for a few moments in the language of *la belle* France, and then the procession moved on, while Catholic Springfield applauded the great Catholic leader who had brought order out of chaos, to smash the Hindenburg line, on the western front. The artist of the Mirror staff, an eye-witness of the scene, sketched in charcoal the meeting of the great spiritual leader and the great military chieftain, and we reproduce his effort elsewhere.

Then came that saintly Polish hero who recalls the age of the martyrs—Archbishop Cieplak, saved from the official butchery of Soviet Russia by the protest of an indignant world. He was the leader of the courageous Polish priests who, in a Soviet court of law, refused to promise not to say Mass, not to teach Christian doctrine, not to administer Catholic sacraments. All expected to pay for their loyalty to Christ by death, and most of them did. The exposure of the trial and its mockery

RIGHT REVEREND BISHOP GINISTRY
Heroic chaplain at Verdun



VERY REVEREND ARCHBISHOP CIEPLAK
Heroic Polish martyr

of justice by Captain McCullagh was heard round the world, and the great Archbishop was reluctantly released. He visited the Polish parishes of our diocese, but was honored by all classes which still recognize the grandeur of the Christian confessor. He was called to his reward during his American visit, partly, no doubt, because of the hardship of his brutal imprisonment.

Bishop Marie André Charles Ginistry, hero chaplain at Verdun, visited the Assumption College in the closing days of 1928. He was in America to gather funds for a monument to the unknown soldiers who laid down their lives that the German war machine might not pass. He had gathered up three hundred boxes of their scattered remains, which he resolved to inter under a monument commemorative of the spirit which thrilled the world in the simple rallying cry: "They shall not pass."

Every year, we are told, the aged Brother André, the wonder worker of St. Joseph's Oratory, Montreal, slips away from his beloved shrine to visit the Connecticut Valley where, in his youth, he labored as farm hand and mill operative. Many of his devoted clients are in our midst, for hundreds of the favors which his prayers have gained have come to members of our fold. Perhaps his story is as remarkable as any of our age. Born of poor parents, always of feeble frame and never of rugged health, this humble, illiterate son of Catholic Quebec has become an international figure, and has attained an age of fourscore years and six. His fervent love for his patron, St. Joseph, and the swelling

GILBERT K. CHESTERTON

Noted author and convert, plants a tree on Mount St. James, commemorating his memorable visit to Holy Cross College.

ranks of those for whom his intercession has obtained their requests, have resulted in a magnificent basilica, now being constructed on the heights above Montreal.

We all remember the coming, in 1929, of Ambassador Claudel, the distinguished representative of France at Washington, and a Catholic literary light of the first magnitude. He came, technically, as the guest of Assumption College, in whose celebration of twenty-five years of successful work he participated, but he was honored by Catholic and non-Catholic institutions alike in the Heart of the Commonwealth, making extended visits to both Holy Cross College and Clark College, which conferred honorary degrees upon him. He gladdened the hearts of pupils in the French parochial schools, and the orphans in charge of the Grey Nuns by visits to them all, and was guest of honor at a mammoth civic meeting in Mechanics Hall.

On December 12, 1930, Holy Cross gave appropriate welcome to Gilbert K. Chesterton, England's gifted convert, who worked his intellectual way from agnosticism into the bosom of the Catholic Church. Holy Cross' souvenir program paid tribute

His Eminence William Cardinal O'Connell
Archbishop of Boston and Metropolitan of New England Province, who presided.

Most Reverend Alfred H. Sinnott, D. D.
Archbishop of Winnipeg, Canada, Consecrating Bishop.

Right Reverend George H. Guertin, D. D.
Bishop of Manchester, Assistant Consecrating Bishop.

Top—Consecration Scene at St. Michael's Cathedral
Lower—Right Reverend Bishop O'Leary Blessing the People After His Consecration

Most Reverend Michael J. Curley, D. D.
Archbishop of Baltimore, Assistant Consecrating Bishop.

Distinguished Prelates Who Visited Springfield to Officiate at Consecration of Right Reverend Bishop Thomas M. O'Leary, D. D., Bishop of Springfield

Hilaire Belloc

Gilbert K. Chesterton

Admiral William S. Benson

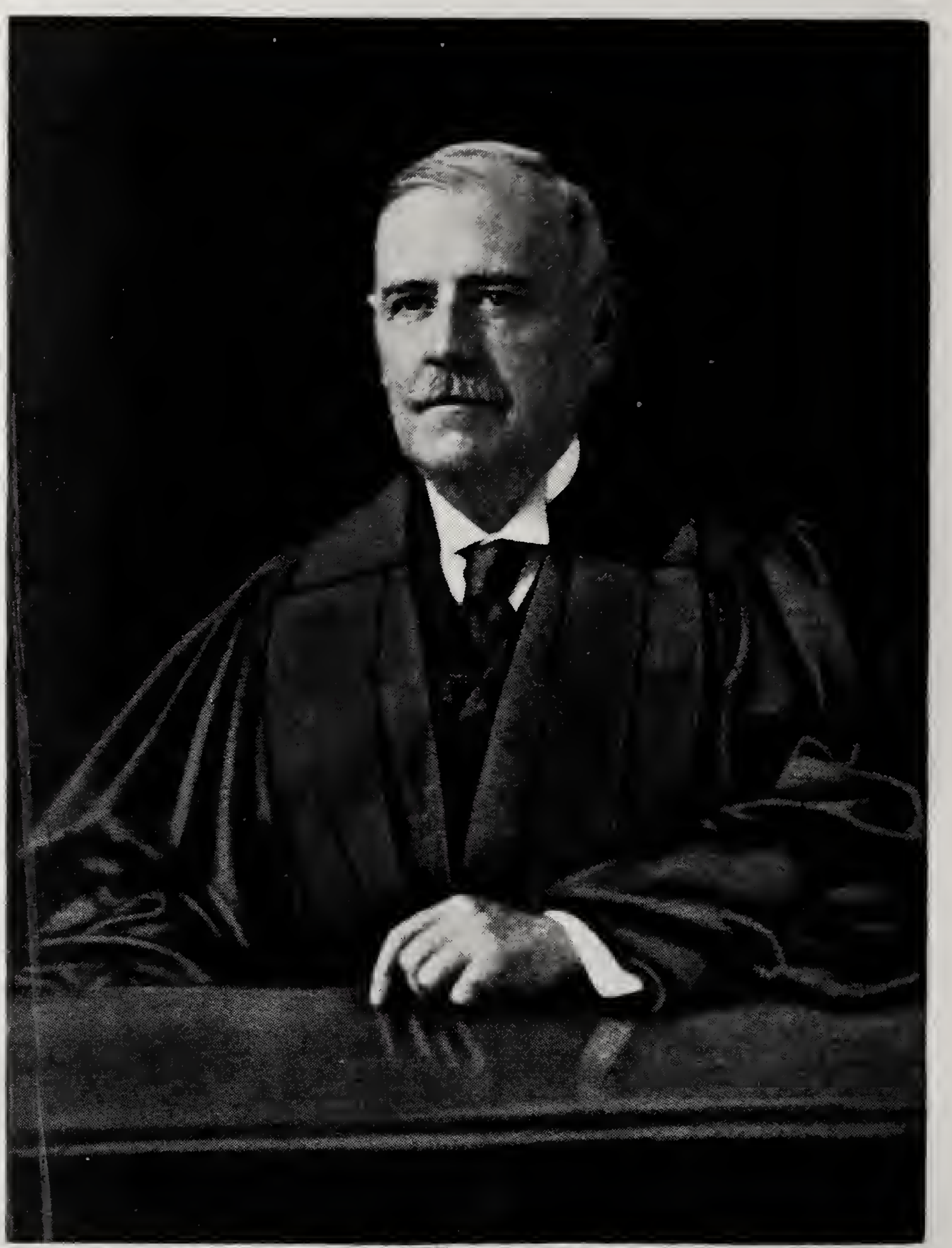
Catholic Leaders and Apologists of International Fame

to him in the fourteen languages spoken at the Worcester College, and right royally introduced, to the Heart of the Commonwealth, the genial author of "Orthodoxy" and "Everlasting Man," and "The Thing," the doughty champion of Catholic truth, who has crossed lances successfully with a Shaw, a Wells, and an Inge. The glamorous pageantry of the Catholic ages characterized the Crusaders' welcome to a crusader.

We once heard Dr. Walsh say that he wrote his superb work, "A Catholic Looks at Life," to call attention to the fact that the Church which harbors the breadth and diversity of views reflected in the beliefs of Catholics noted in that book cannot be accused of restricting unduly the horizon of human thought. As we glance at these few among Springfield's many distinguished guests, we may be pardoned the observation that the Mother Church of Father Mathew cannot be hostile to true temperance; the Mother Church of a Gibbons cannot be hostile to American institutions; the Mother Church of a Mercier and a Foch cannot be opposed to human liberty; the Mother Church of a Claudel and a Chesterton cannot be accused of shackling human genius. The Mother Church of them all is the Catholic Church.

And so, our Catholic guests of international repute are a living refutation of current attacks on Peter's Bark, and indicate also that the name and fame of our diocese have gone far beyond its territorial limits. Catholic literary men and women, too, have often honored us with their presence and enlightened us with their message. Dr. Walsh and T. A. Daly and Denis A. McCarthy and Bourke Cochran and Hilaire Belloc and Admiral William S. Benson, noted convert to the faith, and a host of others, have charmed audiences in every corner of our diocese. Hither, also, came a Father Tierney, S. J., to plead the cause of Mexico's sorely tried Catholics; a David Goldstein and a Martha Moore Avery, with their gospel auto, to refute socialism and its kindred errors, and later to wage valiant intellectual warfare in defense of the Cross. Here, orators of national renown protested the expulsion of the French congregations, while the ear of Catholic Springfield listened in rapt attention, and the generous hand of Catholic Springfield was extended in sympathetic relief. In a word, the great heart of our diocese has always beat true to the noblest Catholic traditions and the American principles of human liberty.

Some Outstanding Catholic Leaders in Public Life Business and the Professions



James B. Carroll

Associate Justice, Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts

Catholic Leaders in Public Life Business and the Professions

THOUGH most of our Catholic laymen are sons or grandsons of immigrants, many have attained marked distinction and positions of leadership in their chosen spheres. The roll call of Catholic doctors, lawyers, teachers and business men is a long and honorable one, and, did space permit, we would gladly give it in its entirety. It is a subject in which we take too much pride to permit of its omission. Hence, we must treat it summarily, and, in many instances, give names as types of the men whose success thrills Mother Church with deepest joy.

It is only just, also, to recall that the success of the sons and grandsons of immigrants speaks volumes for the self-sacrifice and generosity of these "hewers of wood and drawers of water" who, in the sweat of their brow, made possible their children's triumph. It was an humble Polish mother who recently said to us that she would send her fifth boy to college, even though she had to sell her home. The present position of Catholics in business and the professions is a direct legacy from ancestors whose pride was their children and whose sole earthly ambition was to lift the next generation above the hard labor of the humble sphere in which they themselves had toiled. God answered their prayers, rewarded their self-sacrifice, and the result is that Catholics occupy positions of trust, are men of light and leading, in the arts of commerce, the halls of scholarship, the inner circle of the law courts, and among the disciples of Aesculapius.

As we glance down the lists of our successful professional men, we are struck by the fact that most of those who have attained outstanding success began with a thoroughly Catholic education and are a vital advertisement of Catholic school efficiency. Their number is legion. We can only pick and recall at random:

Worcester's eminent physician and surgeon; Dr. M. J. Fallon, laid the foundation of his classical scholarship in the classrooms of Holy Cross College, where Dr. E. J. Mahoney, of Springfield, and Dr. S. A. Mahoney, of Holyoke, also pursued their pre-medical courses in the classics and philosophy.

The distinguished senior senator from our state, David I. Walsh, won his baccalaureate degree in the same halls of culture, while Representative Granfield received his degree at Notre Dame.

Seldom has our Supreme Bench of Massachusetts, whose decisions command the respect of the nation, had a keener legal mind, a more lucid reasoner, than the Hon. James B. Carroll, who received his collegiate degree at Holy Cross.

The first time that the Knights of Columbus selected their state head from outside of Boston, they came to our diocese and honored themselves by honoring John E. Swift, of Milford, a graduate of Boston College.

Many a difficult case in law, involving Catholic interests, has been handled ably by Daniel P. Callahan, of Worcester, whose recent victory in the O'Connor case attracted wide attention in the legal profession. Attorney Callahan is a graduate of Holy Cross College and Catholic University.

Attorney William G. McKechnie, of Springfield, staunch defender of the Church in many warm legal battles, President of the Hampden County Bar Association and an ornament of the legal profession, is a Georgetown alumnus. It was he who drew the charter for the College of Our Lady of The Elms and presented its petition to the legislative committee at Boston.

Dr. John F. Gannon, Superintendent of Schools in Pittsfield, an educator of proven ability who has just been honored by election to the Presidency of the Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents, is a Holy Cross graduate.

It is also worthy of note that the present President of the New England Power Association is a native of Worcester and a graduate of Holy Cross College—Frank D. Comerford. Mr. Comerford is recognized as an outstanding legal authority in his field.

Irving T. McDonald, Librarian, Holy Cross College, Worcester, and author of several volumes, is also a graduate of Holy Cross College.

IN THE business field our Catholic laymen, against great obstacles and entrenched wealth, have progressed slowly but surely. We like to recall that the late Richard Healy, of Worcester, after one failure in business, in company with a partner, was not satisfied with a legal decision which freed him from all responsibility, but by his own efforts paid every cent of his original indebtedness. God blessed him for his noble example of conscientiousness. He died the wealthiest Catholic in Worcester, wealthy enough to remember generously a dozen deserving causes and still provide amply for his relatives and friends.

We like to think that all our Catholic business men would emulate the truly Catholic example of Mr. Healy. Few of them attained his distinguished success. Many of them have given their energy and talents to develop the enterprises of others. Many a prominent firm and corporation, which has no Catholic connotation in the public mind, has been made what it is by the administrative ability and loyal service of Catholic managers and foremen and salesmen. We know, too, that firms favorably known for the fair treatment accorded to Catholic employees, to whom they have given a fair field and no favor, have never had reason to regret it.

Why should we not resent it when we hear that such a concern wants no Catholics in the office? or such a bank wants no Catholic officers or directors? All fair-minded Americans agree that such men are not Americans, and, if they will not have Catholic clerks, they should not have Catholic customers. The principle that the customer is always right is being extended to the case in which the customer is right in demanding that his religion be kept out of his business relations.

Our Catholic laity have "gone higher" in every sphere of life in our great commonwealth. They are no longer scattered groups, trudging miles and miles across hill and dale to assist occasionally at Holy Mass. The sacrifices of the pioneers are no longer exacted of us, but our crowded churches, with the faith of the Breton peasant's wife everywhere emulated, show that our sturdy forbears labored and suffered not in vain: they handed their faith and their loyalty to a grateful and worthy posterity.

St. Vincent de Paul Leaders—We point with pride to the fact that, in their hour of splendid achievement, many of our Catholic laymen have remembered their less fortunate brethren and extended to them the helping hand of Catholic charity. Elsewhere we tell more in detail the work of our St. Vincent de Paul conferences. We here add brief sketches of the Catholic laymen who, amid the claims of business and profession, find time to carry on the work of Ozanam for the deserving poor of our parishes. The leaders of our particular conferences are:

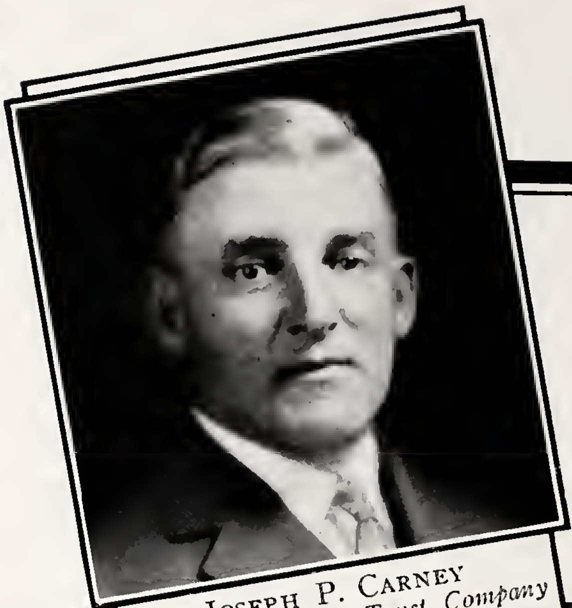
Edward A. Hall, Springfield: Vice-President of Mercy Hospital Corporation; President, Central Council, St. Vincent de Paul Conference of the Diocese; President, Particular Council, St. Vincent de Paul, Springfield; Director of Family Welfare Board, Springfield; Vice-President of Springfield Cooperative Bank; author of several works on early Catholic history in the Connecticut Valley. It was Mr. Hall who delivered the address of welcome to each of Springfield's three Catholic bishops.

John L. McLaughlin, Pittsfield: President, Pittsfield Chamber of Commerce; President, Particular Council, St. Vincent de Paul, Pittsfield; director, City Savings Bank, Pittsfield; prominent merchant of Pittsfield.

Daniel P. Callahan, Worcester: Treasurer, St. Vincent's Hospital Patrons Society; Trustee, St. Vincent's Hospital; President, Worcester Particular Council, St. Vincent de Paul; reorganizer of many of Worcester's St. Vincent de Paul conferences; for many years member of Worcester School Committee; prominent Catholic lawyer and trusted adviser of Church in many difficult legal cases; graduate of Holy Cross College and Catholic University.

Patrons Societies—In recent years, our Catholic laymen have come to the relief of our larger hospitals by forming patrons societies, whose members guarantee the interest upon the hospitals' indebtedness and enable the hospitals to apply any profit they may have for the diminution of the principal. St. Vincent's Patrons Society, at Worcester, showed the way in this field, and was soon followed by the similar group who volunteered to relieve the financial straits of the Mercy Hospital, in Springfield. Extensive building programs, imperatively demanded by the crowded conditions of both institutions, had caused staggering mort-

Hon. David I. Walsh
Massachusetts' Senior Senator in the United States Congress



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DR. S. A. MAHONEY
President Park National Bank
Holyoke

DANIEL F. DOHERTY
President Westfield Savings Bank
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SOME OUTSTANDING CATHOLIC BANK PRESIDENTS OF CENTRAL AND WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS

Attorney Daniel P. Callahan
Worcester
President, Worcester Particular Council

Edward A. Hall
Springfield
President, Central Conference of the Diocese, President, Springfield Particular Council

John L. McLaughlin
Pittsfield
President, Pittsfield Particular Council

Outstanding Leaders of the St. Vincent de Paul Society of the Springfield Diocese

gages, which would have seriously handicapped the work of both had not the two flourishing lay organizations rallied to their support at the invitation of Bishop O'Leary. The Catholic laymen who have labored in season and out as officers of these societies to bring about the success attained are:

John F. Tinsley, Worcester, President, St. Vincent's Hospital Patrons Society; Daniel P. Callahan, Worcester, Treasurer, St. Vincent's Hospital Patrons Society; James J. Conroy, Worcester, Secretary, St. Vincent's Hospital Patrons Society; William B. Belli, Springfield, President, Mercy Hospital Patrons Society; John M. Sullivan, Springfield, Treasurer, Mercy Hospital Patrons Society; Michael J. Shea, Springfield, Secretary, Mercy Hospital Patrons Society.

Bankers and Corporation Heads—It is not easy for Catholics to reach the high places in banking and big business. Though our bankers admit that few of their high officials are Catholic, they admit that Catholics have plenty of ability, and insist that they choose their officials by a standard of merit and ability. Still they have few Catholics! However, Catholic names are beginning to appear in this select circle, and the following imposing array gives the names of some who have surmounted the barriers which of old barred the progress of Catholics to places of preferment in financial circles:

Dennis D. O'Connell, President, Bancroft Trust Company, Worcester; President, Treasurer, Sterling Worsted Mills, Worcester. Daniel F. Doherty, President, Westfield Savings Bank, Westfield. Clement F. Coogan, President, City Savings Bank, Pittsfield; Vice-President, Berkshire Morris Plan Bank, Pittsfield. Robert J. Stanton, President, Union Co-operative Bank, Pittsfield. Joseph P. Carney, President, Gardner Trust Co., Gardner. Dr. S. A. Mahoney, President, Park National Bank, Holyoke; also President. Holyoke and Westfield Railroad. Thomas Judge, Vice-President, Holyoke National Bank, Holyoke. Frank N. Hughes, Treasurer, Western Massachusetts Bank & Trust Company, Springfield. Joseph E. Hayes, Treasurer, Bancroft Trust Company, Worcester. Joseph M. Naughton, Comptroller, Pittsfield Third National Bank & Trust Co., Pittsfield. Thomas A. Callery, Treasurer, Bay State Savings Bank, Worcester. J. F. Ranger, Vice-President, Mechanics Savings Bank, Holyoke. James O'Brien, President, Lee National Bank, Lee, and prominent member Berkshire County Bar. Thomas H. Sullivan, President, Bay State Savings Bank, Worcester, and prominent member, Worcester county bar. Dr. Thomas J. Naughton, President,

Dennis J. Haylon
Managing Editor
Pittsfield *Berkshire Eagle*

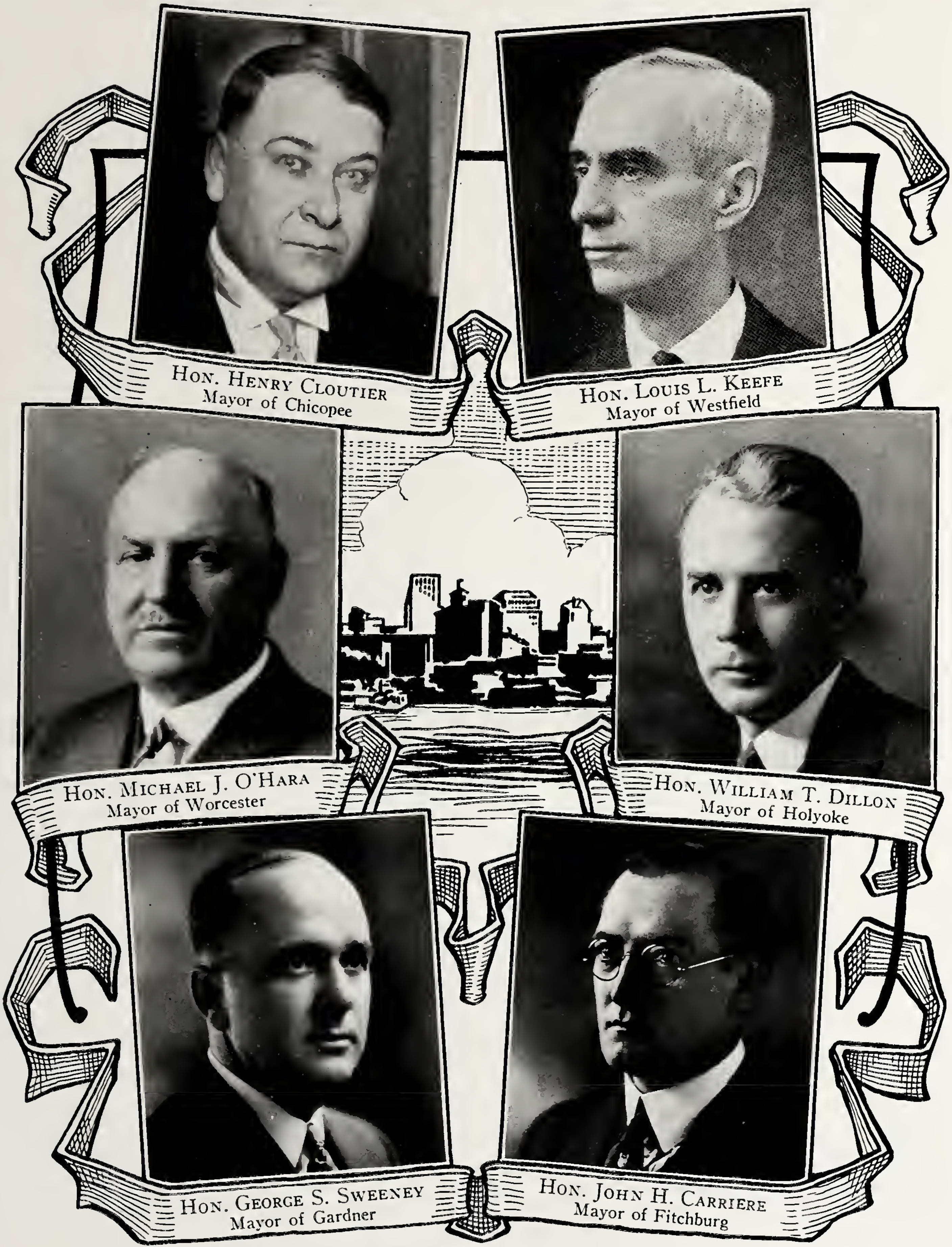
John B. Callaghan
Managing Editor
Springfield *Daily News*

Arthur Ryan
Managing Editor
Holyoke *Transcript*

Some of Our Outstanding Daily Newspaper Editors

Pittsfield M. A. C. Plan Bank. Edward A. Hall, Vice-President, Springfield Co-operative Bank, Springfield. John J. Flynn, Vice-President, Worcester County National Bank, Worcester.

Manufacturers—Among our leading manufacturers, we find the names of many Catholics, who, by dint of persevering effort, have attained high rank among business executives. Of this number are John F. Tinsley, Worcester, General Manager, Crompton-Knowles Loom Works; President, St. Vincent's Hospital Patrons Society; President, Worcester Trade School; Trustee, St. Vincent's Hospital; decorated Chevalier, Order of the Crown, Italy; Ex-President, Worcester Chamber of Commerce; author, "New Phases of Industrial Management"; director of many banks; Knight of Malta. John J. Duggan, Springfield, Secretary-Treasurer, Chapman Valve Co., Indian Orchard, and Treasurer, Perkins Machine and Gear Company, West Springfield; Fire Commissioner, Springfield. Frank J. Weschler, Vice-President and General Manager, Baldwin-Duckworth Chain Company, Worcester. James E. Wall, President and Treasurer, Wall-Streeter Shoe Company, North Adams; Director, Massachusetts Shoe and Leather Association. Dennis J. O'Connell, Worcester, President and Treasurer, Sterling Worsted Mills; President, Bancroft Trust Company. William C. Godfrey, Springfield, Chairman, Board of Directors, Indian Orchard Company. Eugene J. O'Neil, Chicopee Falls, President and Treasurer, Hampden Bleachery; real estate dealer and bank director; organist and choir director, St. Patrick's Church, thirty-five years. Mr. O'Neil has served as postmaster at Chicopee Falls and as representative in the legislature. Edward J. Fleming, Springfield, President and Treasurer, Fleming Foundry Company. Nelson L. Jarvis, President, and F. J. Jarvis, Treasurer, Jarvis and Jarvis, Inc., Palmer. William L. Cronin, Springfield, President, Perfection Grate and Stoker Co. Terrence C. O'Donnell, Holyoke, Works Manager, Gilbert & Barker Company, Springfield. Thomas J. Ford, Springfield, Manufacturing Superintendent, Gilbert & Barker Company. Patrick M. Taft, Holyoke, President, Taft Asbestos Company. John F. Deeley, Lee, President, Lee Lime Corporation. Maurice L. Angers, Springfield, President, Angers Lumber Company. Prime Robechaud, Gardner, Furniture Manufacturer. Jeremiah P. Wall, Treasurer, Wall, Keller, McKee Company, North



Hon. Henry Cloutier
Mayor of Chicopee

Hon. Louis L. Keefe
Mayor of Westfield

Hon. Michael J. O'Hara
Mayor of Worcester

Hon. William T. Dillon
Mayor of Holyoke

Hon. George S. Sweeney
Mayor of Gardner

Hon. John H. Carriere
Mayor of Fitchburg

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Catholic Mayors of the Springfield Diocese

Adams. James A. Ranger, President, and Joseph F. Ranger, Treasurer, Casper Ranger Lumber Company, Holyoke. J. Aime Lavalle, Works Superintendent, Chicopee Falls Plant, Westinghouse Electric & Manufacturing Company. Frank A. Smith, Secretary and Comptroller, Greenfield Tap and Die Corporation. John B. Kelly, President and Treasurer, Kelly Bros., Inc., Furniture Manufacturers, Gardner. George Crompton, Worcester, Chairman, Crompton Associates.

PUBLIC SERVICE CORPORATIONS—Among those holding high places in our Transportation, Insurance, Amusement and Power companies are found the names of many Catholics, such as:

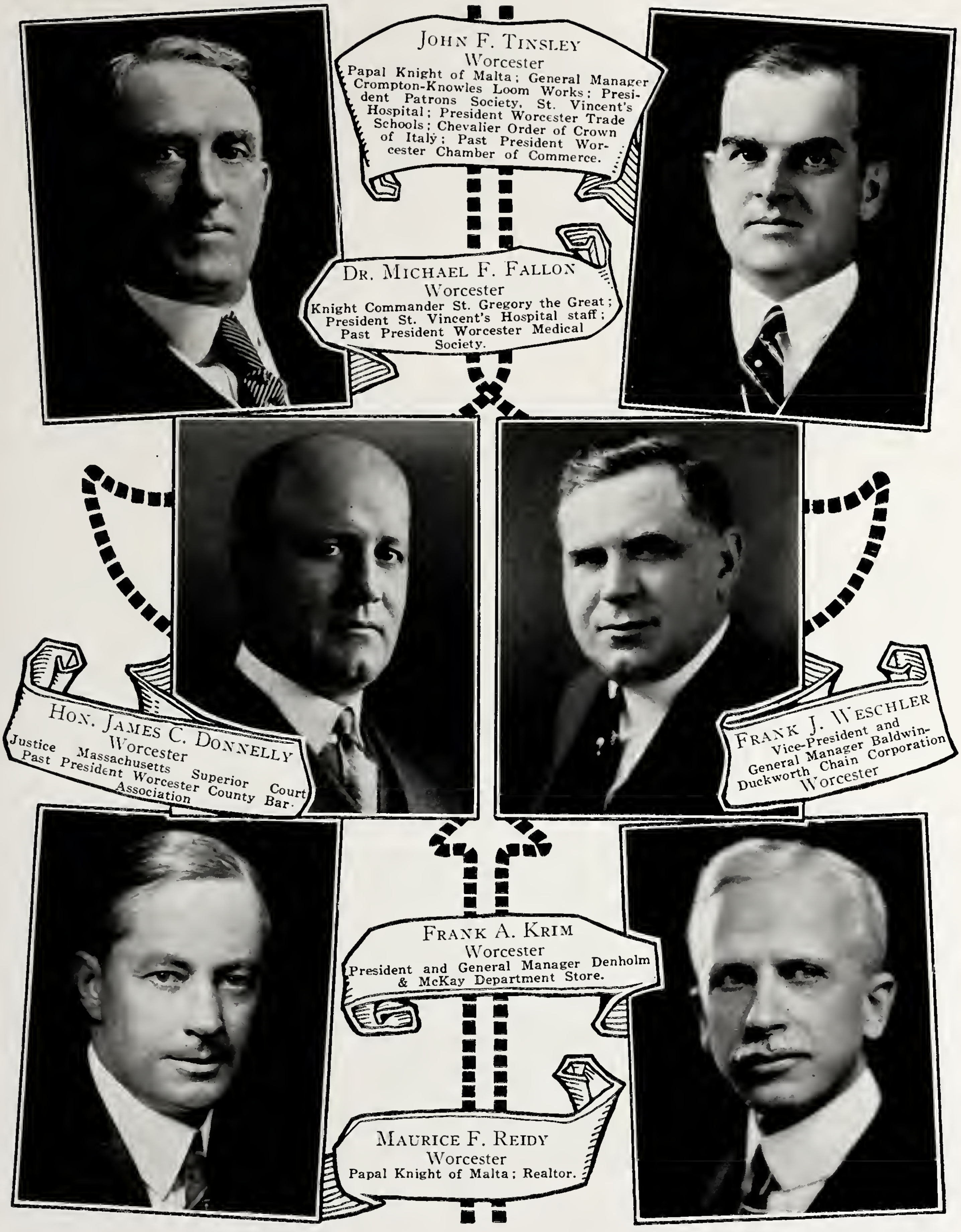
Louis D. Pellisier, Holyoke, President and General Manager, Holyoke Street Railway Company. Joseph C. Behan, Springfield, Vice-President, Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company, Springfield. Joseph F. Lyons, Springfield, Comptroller, Western Massachusetts Companies. John J. O'Connell, Pittsfield, Manager, Pittsfield Electric Co. William F. Crowe, Springfield, Assistant to President of Springfield Street Railway and Worcester Street Railway Companies. John J. Kirkpatrick, Holyoke, General Manager, Holyoke Municipal Gas and Electric Plant. Robert W. Crowther, Longmeadow, Secretary, Springfield Fire and Marine Insurance Company. William D. MacDonald, President, Black and White Taxi Corporation of Springfield. George E. Pellisier, Assistant General Manager, Holyoke Street Railway Co. J. J. Sullivan, Springfield, President and Treasurer, J. J. Sullivan Motor Express, Inc. William E. Kneeland, Springfield, President, Kneeland Motor Express, Inc. Michael J. Daley, Longmeadow, President, Agawam Amusement Co., holding company for Riverside Park.

MERCHANTS—Were we to enumerate the Catholics who have laid the foundations of success for others by their ability as heads of departments, we should be led far beyond the scope of this necessarily limited article. We must, however, note some of the outstanding Catholic business men in our cities who have reached the top in their own sector of the business world:

M. J. Fox, President, D. H. Brigham Co., Springfield. Frank A. Krim, President, Denholm & McKay Department Store, Worcester. Hugh C. McLean, President and Treasurer, McLean Furniture Co., Holyoke. Mr. McLean was a Democratic candidate for Congress in the last election, and gave the veteran Congressman Treadway a close run. He has been an important figure in the municipal affairs of Holyoke, and the only Catholic ever to hold the office of President of the Holyoke Chamber of Commerce. Charles B. Ring, President and Treasurer, Springfield Commercial Body Company, Springfield, Cambridge, East Hartford and Torrington, Ct., Albany, N. Y., and Portland, Me. Frank A. Carroll, Manager, Pittsfield Milk Exchange, Inc. John L. McLaughlin, President, Pittsfield Co-operative Coal Company; President, Pittsfield Chamber of Commerce; President, Particular Council, St. Vincent de Paul, Pittsfield; Director, City Savings Bank, Pittsfield. Thomas E. Kelly, Proprietor, Rice & Kelly Furniture Company, Pittsfield. Nicholas Zeo, Springfield, President, Nicholas Zeo, Inc., wholesale fruit distributors. Thomas J. Beahn, Springfield, distributor for the western Massachusetts counties of Graham motor cars and Paige commercial cars. T. J. Collins, Holyoke, President and Treasurer, Collins Plumbing Supply Company. John J. Hearn, Proprietor, Hearn Furniture Co., Westfield. James H. Quinn, Proprietor, James H. Quinn Furniture Company, Northampton. Arthur J. McGrail, President, and Edmund S. McGrail, Treasurer, Richard Healy Co., Worcester. Maurice Reidy, Worcester, Realtor, Papal Knights of Malta. Edward J. Murphy, Springfield, Realtor. Henry M. Clark, Springfield, Realtor. James E. Feeley, Springfield, President, Springfield Office Supply Company. William B. Belli, Secretary and Treasurer, Nicholas Zeo, Inc., Springfield. Samuel S. Jackson, Vice-President, Henry J. Perkins Co., Springfield. William H. Young, President and Treasurer, Young and Mink, Inc., Springfield. Thomas R. Johnson, Worcester, Catholic Church Supply Merchant. T. J. Foley, Springfield, President and Treasurer, T. Shea, Inc., building supplies.

HOTEL MEN—Several of our prominent city hotels have Catholic owners, presidents or high officials, who have contributed to notable successes in the days of business depression. Some who have gained eminence in this exacting business of pleasing the public taste are:

N. A. Campbell, President and Treasurer, Hotel Wendell, Pittsfield; Director, Pittsfield Third National Bank & Trust Co. Charles T. Shean, Treasurer, Hampden Hotel Company, holding company for Hotel Kimball and Hotel Charles,



JOHN F. TINSLEY
Worcester
Papal Knight of Malta; General Manager Crompton-Knowles Loom Works; President Patrons Society, St. Vincent's Hospital; President Worcester Trade Schools; Chevalier Order of Crown of Italy; Past President Worcester Chamber of Commerce.

DR. MICHAEL F. FALLON
Worcester
Knight Commander St. Gregory the Great; President St. Vincent's Hospital staff; Past President Worcester Medical Society.

HON. JAMES C. DONNELLY
Worcester
Justice Massachusetts Superior Court
Past President Worcester County Bar Association

FRANK J. WESCHLER
Vice-President and General Manager Baldwin-Duckworth Chain Corporation
Worcester

FRANK A. KRIM
Worcester
President and General Manager Denholm & McKay Department Store.

MAURICE F. REIDY
Worcester
Papal Knight of Malta; Realtor.

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SOME OUTSTANDING BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL LEADERS OF WORCESTER COUNTY

Springfield; Director, Springfield National Bank. J. J. Byrnes, President and Treasurer, Bridgway Hotel, Springfield.

PUBLIC LIFE—The Catholic representation in public life has thus far failed to be any true reflection of our numerical strength. Catholics, of course, are found in all parties, have rarely paid much attention to the religion of the candidates to whom they gave their suffrages, and hence Catholic candidates are often opposed, but rarely supported, because of their faith. The opposition to a Catholic candidate as such is always united, whereas our Catholic voters largely remain in their party ranks. No one ever has any doubt about the religious affiliations of a Catholic public man, but rarely do Catholics know to what church a non-Catholic candidate belongs.

Congress—However, the Catholics of Western Massachusetts have a representative in each house of our national Congress. The senior senator from our state is David I. Walsh, a graduate of Holy Cross College, who served two terms as governor before being elected and re-elected to the United States Senate. There he has been a consistent promoter of progressive legislation, a tireless worker for the interests of his constituents, and, by word and work, has been a credit to his state and his religion.

In the lower branch of Congress, Springfield's Catholic representation is confined to Congressman William J. Granfield, who appears to have made a Republican stronghold permanently Democratic. He is now serving his first complete term, after being handsomely endorsed at the polls by the voters of his district, and is establishing a reputation for sane thought along conservative lines. He is a graduate of Notre Dame University.

Court Justices—The legal profession of our diocese is crowded with able Catholic lawyers, who are recognized leaders in legal circles. Many of them have attained the reward of judgeships in recognition of their ability at the bar. Their present roll of honor reads as follows:

Hon. James B. Carroll, Springfield, Associate Justice, Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court. Hon. David F. Dillon, Palmer, Associate Justice, Massachusetts Superior Court. Hon. James C. Donnelly, Worcester, Associate Justice, Massachusetts Superior Court.

Hon. John P. Kirby, Justice, Chicopee District Court; Hon. Bart Bossidy, Justice, District Court of Lee; Hon. Thomas F. Gallagher, Justice, District Court of Fitchburg; Hon. Thomas F. Cassidy, Ex-State Senator and Justice, District Court of North Adams; Hon. William M. Welch, Associate Justice, District Court of Northampton and Ex-Mayor of Northampton; Hon. Florence W. Burke, Justice, Westfield District Court and City Solicitor; Hon. Louis O. Rieutord, Justice, District Court of Webster and Southbridge; Hon. Thomas J. Collins, Associate Justice, Springfield District Court; Hon. Harold J. Burdick, Palmer, Associate Justice, Palmer District Court. Roland H. P. Jacobus, Turners Falls, Justice, Franklin County Probate Court. Timothy J. Hayes, Greenfield, Associate Justice, Franklin District Court.

Representatives in State Legislature—Though Catholics are popularly believed to number nearly, if not quite, half the population of our state, there is nothing in our representation in the state legislature to indicate this fact. Western Massachusetts has only one Catholic in the State Senate, and twenty-five representatives in the House. We do not venture an opinion as to the reason for this discrepancy. It may be the persistent gerrymandering of districts by the majority party. Our present representation at the State House is:

John S. Derham, Uxbridge; Louis N. M. Deschenes, Fitchburg; Anthony R. Doyle, Worcester; Henry J. Goguen, Leominster; Edward J. Kelley, Worcester, Floor Leader of Democratic Party; Charles A. Kelley, Worcester; William E. Kirkpatrick, Holyoke; Wilfred J. Lamoreux, Southbridge; William Casey, Spencer; Edward Michael Cawley, Springfield; Charles D. Chevalier, Holyoke; Francis P. Clark, Holyoke; Daniel J. Coakley, Chicopee; John P. Gaffney, Springfield; Joseph N. Roach, North Adams; Joseph P. Leyden, Worcester; Philip M. Markley, Springfield; Paul G. Martel, Chicopee; Fred J. McGuinness, Webster; Patrick J. Moore, Pittsfield; Michael T. O'Brien, Easthampton; Dr. David W. O'Connor, Palmer; James H. O'Dea, Northampton; Joseph N. O'Kane, Dudley; Edward W. Staves, Southbridge.

State Senator—Frank Hurley, Holyoke.

County Governments—Catholics have never been highly favored by our electorates in the matter of county offices. Worcester County has the unenviable distinction of never having elected a Catholic to a county office, though Catholic centers

William J. Quilty
Chief of Police
Springfield

Thomas J. Godley
Chief of Police
Fitchburg

Thomas F. Foley
Chief of Police
Worcester

Bartholomew Bresnahan
Chief of Police
Northampton

John L. Sullivan
Chief of Police
Pittsfield

Thomas F. Daley
Chief of Police
Westfield

Edward F. Gilday
Assistant Police Marshal
Holyoke

Ten of the Eleven Cities of Our Diocese Have Catholic Police Chiefs cover the county, and local communities have repeatedly chosen Catholic candidates. The county, as a whole, has pursued a policy of "thumbs down" on all office seekers who belong to our Church.

Only once has Hampshire County conferred high county office upon a Catholic. The late intrepid Maurice Fitzgerald held the office of high sheriff for eleven years, and in the able and fearless discharge of his duties, made a record to which the county still points with pride. However, no co-religionist of his has ever been deemed worthy of similar recognition.

Franklin and Berkshire Counties, like Worcester, have no Catholics in elective offices. Hampden County's record was not much better until the present time. Previous to the last election, Hampden County honored John O'Donnell, back in 1875, and Daniel O'Neil, in 1923. For Catholics, it was surely a long time between offices in Hampden County, as elsewhere, until the elections of 1928 and 1930. The fine organization work, combined with heavy registration by the Democratic leaders, swept these Catholics into office in Hampden:

Commissioners: (1930) Thomas J. Costello, former Postmaster; (1928) Edward J. Stapleton, Holyoke, Chairman.

Sheriff, David J. Manning, Springfield.

Treasurer, John Murphy, Holyoke.

Register of Deeds, Patrick J. Courtney, Springfield.

Register of Probate, James O'Brien, Holyoke.

District Attorney, Thomas J. Moriarty, Springfield.

Probation Officers—The work of the modern courts would be badly handicapped were they to lose the services of their probation officers, whose kindly aid and advice keep many an unfortunate from falling into his former difficulties. Here, again, Catholic officials have made a name for thoroughness and sympathetic work which has resulted in their being largely represented in this branch of court activity. By counties, our Catholic probation officers are:

Berkshire County has seven officers, with one Catholic, Harold S. Clark, of Springfield, who serves both Berkshire and Hampden Counties, as Probation Officer of the Superior Court.

Franklin County has three officers with one Catholic, James M. Burke, of Greenfield District Court.

Hampden County has eleven officers, with six Catholics: Harold S. Clark, Superior Court; Bernard T. J. Smyth, Springfield District Court, Chief; James C. Donegan, Chicopee District Court; Thomas Rohan, Holyoke District Court, juvenile probation officer; Miss Katharine A. Carney, Springfield District Court; Roger F. Keleher, Springfield District Court, juvenile probation officer.

Hampshire County has three with one Catholic, John L. Sullivan, Northampton District Court.

Worcester County has sixteen officers, five Catholics: James F. McLaughlin, Worcester Superior Court, Chief; Bernard A. McManus, Fitchburg District Court; Miss Marion S. Dunn, Central District Court, Worcester; Archie L. Connors, Second Southern District Court, Blackstone; George E. Proulx, Leominster District Court.

City Government—A retrospective glance at our political life gives the lie to any insinuation that Catholics do not make good public officials, even in the highest positions. Massachusetts has endorsed former Governor and present United States Senator David I. Walsh so often that it begins to look like a habit, a habit caused by his habit of always giving a clean, able administration of public affairs.

Worcester has already given Mayor O'Hara four terms, and it looks as though he would tire of the position before Worcester tires of him. His repeated elections recall that the second city in the commonwealth and the largest in our diocese is fond of honoring her Catholic sons with her highest office. Her mayoralty list contains the names of two O'Connells, a Duggan and a Sullivan. Her first Catholic mayor, Philip O'Connell, died as a member of our Superior Court Bench.

Springfield has not been so generous to Catholic candidates, though she has had good ones, but when she did open her electoral heart to one she never had cause to regret it. Her Mayor Hayes gave her one of her best administrations.

Fitchburg found Catholicism no bar to success in her political fields, and has already honored Mayor Carriere with one re-election. His predecessors in office included Mayors Delaney, O'Connell and McMahon.

Westfield has returned Mayor Keefe to office for his third term.

Joseph C. Behan
Vice-President
Massachusetts Mutual Life Ins. Co.

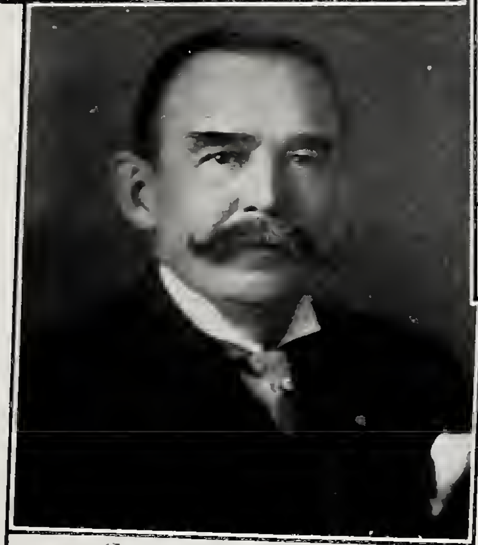
Charles B. Ring
President and Treasurer
Springfield Commercial Body Co.

Matthew J. Fox
President
D. H. Brigham Company

Joseph F. Lyons
Comptroller
Western Massachusetts Companies

Frank N. Hughes
Treasurer
Western Massachusetts Trust Co.

William G. McKechnie
President
Hampden County Bar Association



Charles T. Shean
Bank Director and Hotel Magnate

William J. Granfield
Congressman

Some Outstanding Catholic Business and Professional Leaders of Springfield

O. E. Nault
Worcester

John W. Donohue
Springfield

D. R. Baribault
Springfield

Outstanding Catholic Church Architects of the Diocese of Springfield

Holyoke has twice elevated Mayor Dillon to her highest office, and no one has any fear that he will have reason to do aught but endorse him at the ballot-box. She never regretted similar honors given to Mayors Cronin, Scanlon, Ryan, Woods, White, Connors, Curran, Griffin, Sullivan, O'Connor and Delaney.

Northampton, too, has tried the experiment of a Catholic mayor and found it a most successful one, in the cases of an O'Donnell, an O'Connor and a Welch.

No city has shown greater fondness for Catholics in the Mayor's chair than Chicopee, of whose twenty-one mayors ten have been Catholics: Mayors Murphy, Coakley, Grise, Mellon, Beauchamp, Rivers, Dunn, Higgins, Shea and Cloutier.

Pittsfield has voted her highest municipal honor to a Moore and a Flynn, while Leominster, newly admitted to the rank of cities, has already given mayoralty honors to a Doyle.

It is of more than passing interest that many Catholic city officials have held office so long that it is a tribute to their integrity, and an admission that their places would be difficult to fill. In this age when "to the victors belong the spoils," and a change of party means a change of appointees, Pierre Bonvouloir, City Treasurer of Holyoke, has held office for thirty-eight years. Holyoke's Catholic Tax Collector, James M. Kennedy, has rounded out thirty-six years of service, while John F. Sheehan, City Clerk of the same city, has completed thirty years of honorable labor in the same position.

Police Departments—Catholics are represented in large numbers on our police forces, and their courageous performance of difficult duty is evidenced by the frequency of their citation and commendation for meritorious steadfastness in the face of danger. Their abilities and exceptional qualities of leadership have often resulted in their elevation to the post of chief. Today, the forces of law and order in ten of our eleven cities in western Massachusetts are in charge of Catholics, as follows: William J. Quilty, Springfield; Thomas F. Foley, Worcester; John L. Sullivan, Pittsfield; James F. Bartley, Holyoke; Thomas J. Godley, Fitchburg; Frank O'Callahan, Chicopee; Thomas F. Daley, Westfield; Cyrille LeBlanc, Gardner; Bartholomew Bresnahan, Northampton; Michael W. Conlon, North Adams.

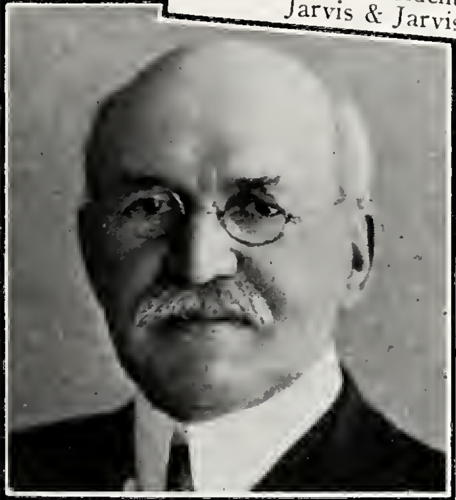
Some of them have passed through trying times, but all have acquitted themselves with credit. Chief Quilty, of Springfield, has completed forty-four years in the police department, and nearly a quarter of a century as its chief. The result is that Springfield has acquired the reputation of having one of the finest police departments in the commonwealth.

David J. Manning
Springfield
High Sheriff,
County of Hampden

Hugh C. McLean
Holyoke
President and Treasurer
McLean Furniture Company

Nelson L. Jarvis
Palmer
President
Jarvis & Jarvis, Inc.

Hon. David F. Dillon
Palmer
Justice Massachusetts Superior Court



William C. Godfrey
Indian Orchard
Manufacturer and Bank Director

Eugene J. O'Neil
Chicopee Falls
Manufacturer
and Banker

Thomas J. Beahn
Springfield
Western Massachusetts Distributor,
Graham and Paige Motor Cars

Edward J. Fleming
Springfield
President and Treasurer
Fleming Foundry Company

SOME OUTSTANDING CATHOLIC BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL LEADERS OF HAMPDEN COUNTY

Fire Departments—Catholics have never shirked positions of trust merely because they were dangerous. Hence, their representation among the fighters of fire is almost as large proportionately as among our stalwart fighters of crime. At present, the following are in command of the firemen in their respective cities:

Patrick J. Hurley, Fire Chief, Holyoke; Robert M. Tappin, Fire Chief, Gardner; Arthur Montmeny, Fire Chief, Chicopee; Thomas H. Mahoney, Fire Chief, Westfield; John E. Saulnier, Fire Chief, North Adams.

Special mention is due Chief Patrick J. Hurley, of Holyoke, and Chief Thomas H. Mahoney, Westfield, who have completed fifty years of continuous service in the departments of their respective cities. Under them the departments have attained an enviable degree of efficiency.

City Officials—Ours is an age of commissions. Much of the beauty of our public buildings and parks, much of the efficiency of many a department, is due to the conscientious labors of those who accept membership on commissions as a civic trust. Among the Catholics thus honored and those holding other positions of trust in the cities of the diocese are:

John M. Sullivan, Springfield, Park Commissioner; President, M. J. O'Malley Printing Company; Past Grand Knight, Knights of Columbus; Past District Deputy, Knights of Columbus; Past Exalted Ruler, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; Treasurer, Mercy Hospital Patrons Society; Past President, Mater Dolorosa Laymen's Retreat League. John J. Duggan, Springfield, Fire Commissioner; Mr. Duggan is treasurer of both the Chapman Valve Company and the Perkins Machine and Gear Company. Dr. James A. Redden, Springfield, Police Commissioner, Chairman. Walter J. Hanley, Springfield, Chairman of Board, License Commissioners; Past Grand Knight, former District Deputy, Knights of Columbus; Treasurer, Springfield Public Market. John J. Lynch, Springfield, Police Commissioner; Sales Manager, Springfield Buick Co. Aimé H. Cote, Springfield, Park Commissioner; former Alderman. Rev. George F. Flynn, Worcester, Park Commissioner; pastor and founder of St. Bernard's Parish, Worcester. Dr. A. J. Harpin, Worcester, Park Commissioner. Capt. George Jones, Worcester, License Commissioner; manager, Horace Partridge Co., Athletic Supply Store. Thomas J. Carmody, Chairman, Holyoke Board Water Commissioners; President, Holyoke Country Club; active in civic affairs of Holyoke for fifty years, as member of school board, alderman, and member of city council.

Philip V. Erard, Chairman, Board of Health, Springfield; Joseph F. Griffin, President, Board of Aldermen, Holyoke; Pierre Bonvouloir, City Treasurer, Holyoke (thirty-eight years), also Permanent Treasurer, Holyoke Knights of Columbus, and Director, Hadley Falls Trust Co.; John F. Sheehan, City Clerk, Holyoke (thirty years); Michael F. Walsh, Chairman, Board of Public Works, Holyoke; James M. Kenney, Tax Collector, Holyoke (thirty-six years); J. Hermas Fleury, Chairman, Board of Registrars, Holyoke; Michael J. Rowan, Chairman, Board of Health, Holyoke; James F. Burns, Chairman, School Board, Holyoke; John T. McDonald, Chairman, School Board, Pittsfield; Harold F. Goggin, City Clerk, Pittsfield, and clerk of Board of Aldermen; Charles J. McMorrow, member of School Board, Springfield; Humphrey J. Coughlin, City Treasurer, North Adams.

ATTORNEYS—The list of prominent attorneys is legion. We present only those few who have been chosen for positions of public service as illustrative of what Catholic lay ability is achieving in this honorable profession of Solon and Cicero, in addition to those already mentioned elsewhere as court justices, mayors, or representatives at Washington or Boston:

George F. Leary, Springfield, City Solicitor; John D. Ross, Holyoke, City Solicitor; William P. Hayes, Springfield, Ex-Mayor, former State Senator, prominent worker in Catholic Forestry; Francis McMahon, Pittsfield, City Solicitor; Joseph McMahon, Pittsfield, former City Solicitor; Walter M. Shea, Chicopee, City Solicitor; William A. Loughlin, Gardner, City Solicitor; A. Andre Gelinas, Fitchburg, City Solicitor; James H. P. Dyer, Leominster, City Solicitor; Florence W. Burke, Westfield, City Solicitor and District Court Judge; John E. Swift, Milford, Supreme Director, Knights of Columbus, and former State Deputy, Knights of Columbus; John H. Sullivan, Worcester, President, Bay State Savings Bank; Owen A. Hoban, Gardner, Assistant District Attorney; Patrick Courtney, Register of Deeds, Hampden County, former President of Board of Aldermen, Springfield; Edward J.

John E. Saulnier
Fire Chief, North Adams

Arthur Montmeny
Fire Chief, Chicopee

Patrick J. Hurley
Fire Chief, Holyoke

Thomas H. Mahoney
Fire Chief, Westfield

Four Cities of Our Diocese Have Catholic Fire Chiefs

Stapleton, Holyoke, Chairman, Hampden County Commissioners; James O'Brien, Holyoke, Register of Probate; Thomas J. Moriarty, Springfield, District Attorney; John Noonan, Springfield, Assistant District Attorney; James E. Hafey, Chicopee, Master in Chancery, Hampden County; Telesphore Leboeuf, Webster, Assistant United States Attorney for Massachusetts, National Supreme Chief, L'Ordre des Forestiers; United States Commissioner Louis W. Doherty, Springfield.

Physicians—In view of the large number of Catholics who have made their mark in medicine and surgery, it is not surprising to find that many of our cities have selected Catholics as city physicians. For instance:

Dr. A. P. Desautels, City Physician, Pittsfield; Dr. John E. Greaney, City Physician, Springfield; Dr. Armand O. Metevier, City Physician, Chicopee; Dr. Louis J. Rudiger, City Physician, Holyoke; Dr. John M. Murphy, City Physician, Northampton; Dr. Jeremiah Donohue, City Physician, Worcester.

Though the district medical examiners appointed by the State are overwhelmingly non-Catholic, many Catholics are found among their number. Of the forty-four in our five western counties, only seven are Catholics: Dr. George S. Wickham, of Lee, Dr. P. M. Moriarty, of Chicopee, Dr. James B. Ryan, of Easthampton, Dr. H. E. Doonan, of South Hadley Falls, Dr. James F. Cuddy, of Athol, Dr. George F. Curley, of Milford, and Dr. James C. Austin, of Spencer.

Catholic Hospital Surgeons—As our Catholic hospitals, year by year, achieve results which win the golden opinions of patients, Catholic and non-Catholic alike, we append the Catholic personnel of their various surgical staffs, whose medical knowledge and surgical skill have nobly seconded the gentle ministrations of the Sisters of Providence in making our Catholic hospitals a synonym for efficiency and sympathetic relief of humanity's ills.

Farren Memorial Hospital, Montague City: Dr. R. A. McGillicuddy, Turners Falls, Dr. Frederick J. Barnard, Dr. Arthur W. Hayes.

Mercy Hospital, Springfield: Dr. Charles F. Lynch, Senior Surgeon; Dr. M. J. Dillon, Dr. G. B. Corcoran, Dr. R. A. Rochford, Dr. J. A. Byrnes, Dr. C. L. Furcolo, Dr. F. P. Boyd, Dr. A. H. Riordan.

St. Vincent's Hospital, Worcester: Dr. Michael F. Fallon, Chief of Staff; Dr. William F. Lynch, Dr. John Fallon, Dr. J. Arthur Barnes.

St. Luke's Hospital, Pittsfield: Dr. T. P. Hennelly, President of Staff; Dr. John A. Sullivan, Dr. John C. Roe.

House of Providence Hospital, Holyoke: Dr. William F. Brady, President of Staff; Dr. James Byrnes, Dr. S. A. Mahoney, Dr. E. F. Sullivan, Dr. E. P. Hand, Dr. J. B. Bigelow, Dr. A. Franz, Senior.

Education—In the educational world, Catholic laymen have forged their way to the front, though in many places they have been denied the only thing they ever ask—a fair field and no favor. Many of

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Springfield
Past Pres. Mater Dolorosa
Laymen's Retreat League
Treasurer
Mercy Hospital Patrons Society

JOHN M. SWIFT
Milford
Supreme Director and
Past State Deputy
Knights of Columbus

LEWIS A. TWITCHELL
Springfield
President
Mater Dolorosa
Laymen's Retreat League

WILLIAM B. BELLI
Springfield
President
Mercy Hospital Patrons Society
District Deputy
Knights of Columbus

SOME OUTSTANDING CATHOLIC SOCIETY LEADERS OF THE DIOCESE

our teaching bodies in our larger cities and towns are, in major part, Catholic, and they have risen by merit alone. They not only receive no special favors, but are often handicapped in their legitimate ambitions for recognition by "the faith once delivered to the saints." If some rumors have any foundation, religious tests for positions in our public schools are not a thing of the past in many of our communities, and that in spite of a state law which forbids such a test. Our teaching profession, especially in primary and grammar grades, is overcrowded. This congestion would be largely relieved if teachers from beyond our borders were no longer engaged. There are those who suggest that, oftentimes, the teacher from Maine or New Hampshire receives the preference because she is not rendered ineligible by the Catholic faith of her Massachusetts rival.

We see, too, the phenomena of able Catholic assistant principals, who serve under several successive principals, but never seem eligible for promotion. It appears to be an unwritten law of some of our school boards and superintendents that no Catholic must be absolute head of a school, though he is often placed second in command, with the compensating privilege of doing all the work. Instances of this kind are becoming rarer, but we have heard too many within a year to believe that they are entirely extinct and fossilized.

Hundreds of the teachers who are making our public schools a success are fervent Catholics. Not only have they found no conflict between their religious creed and their patriotic beliefs, but no one else has. We have yet to hear of a Catholic teacher being dropped for teaching anything unpatriotic. Aye, more: hundreds of teachers in our public schools, occupying every position from the superintendency to the kindergarten, are contributing their part to the success of public education. We have heard of more than one who was refused a position because of his faith; we have yet to hear of one who was dropped on charges because a square test in the classroom proved him unfit to train future American citizens. There is no difference between the citizenship of the Catholic classroom and that of any other class-

WILLIAM F. BOYLE
Springfield
Supreme Scribe
Order of the Alhambra

HON. TELESPHORE LEBOEUF
Webster
National Supreme Chief,
L'Ordre des Forestiers

room, except that in the religious atmosphere of the Catholic classroom there is no room for communism or any other anti-American and anti-Christian propaganda. This fact explains why, for instance, of the seven hundred citizens of Webster who answered the call to the colors at the outbreak of the World War, nearly six hundred graduated from Catholic schools. We have not the figures for other cities and towns, but we are morally certain that, if we had, the story would be similar.

Despite the difficulties which beset the path of the Catholic educator in modern public life, we have culled the names of a few who have attained leadership:

William R. Peck, Superintendent of Holyoke Schools; James M. McNamara, Superintendent of Fitchburg Schools; Dr. John F. Gannon, Superintendent of Pittsfield Schools, President of State Association of School Superintendents; William R. Barry, Superintendent of Ware Schools, District Deputy, Knights of Columbus; Thomas F. Gibbons, Superintendent of Clinton Schools; John J. Desmond, Superintendent of Chicopee Schools; Joseph J. Reilly, Ph.D., Head of English Department and Librarian, Hunter College, New York, formerly chief examiner of Massachusetts Civil Service Commission and Superintendent of Ware Schools; author of several volumes dealing with Newman, the short story, etc.

We add a word of recognition, too, for the Worcester laymen, now deceased, who did so much to make the Law School at the Catholic University the success that it has become: Thomas C. Carrigan and Peter F. McLoughlin.

POSTMASTERS AND UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT OFFICERS—Possibly because so many Catholics cast their political lot with the Democratic Party, while the Republican forces are so uniformly victorious in these western counties, our representation among postmasters is not large at the present time. J. T. Healy, of Worcester, is the most prominent incumbent, while Springfield and Pittsfield have Catholic assistant postmasters in James H. Benson and Patrick O'Donnell. Among those holding important positions with the United States government are: Louis W. Doherty, Springfield, U. S. Commissioner; William J. McKeown, Deputy Collector in charge of U. S. Custom House at Springfield; Telesphore Leboeuf, Webster, Assistant U. S. District Attorney for Massachusetts; Daniel C. Leary, Springfield, United States Internal Revenue Agent, in charge of central and western Massachusetts offices at Springfield, Pittsfield and Worcester.

NEWSPAPERMEN—The modern newspaper, with its wide field of activity, covering every aspect of public life, has proved a magnet for many Catholics, and many of its most eminent workers are members of the old Church. The reportorial positions are crowded with energetic Catholic newsgatherers, whose originality and alertness are flashed in the columns of the daily press, but whose names, as far as the public is concerned, are "unhonored and unsung." However, they are going higher, and many of them will appear on some future roll of prominent editors. Catholics who at present occupy editorial and administrative chairs in the field of new journalism include:

John B. Callaghan, Managing Editor, *Springfield Daily News*, Springfield; Arthur Ryan, Managing Editor, *Holyoke Transcript*, Holyoke; Thomas Flynn, Managing Editor, *Gardner News*, Gardner; Dennis J. Haylon, Managing Editor, *Berkshire Eagle*, Pittsfield; Lawrence J. Daly, Managing Editor, *Webster Times*, Webster; Michael J. Shea, Editor and Founder of *The Catholic Mirror*, official organ of the Diocese of Springfield; Joseph Lussier, Editor and Publisher, *La Justice*, Holyoke; William H. Walsh, City Editor, *Springfield Republican*, Springfield; Elmer E. Monroe, City Editor, *Springfield Daily News*, Springfield; Thomas J. O'Neil, Night News Editor, *Springfield Union*, Springfield; William J. Larkin, City Editor, *Worcester Post*, Worcester; Dennis Mulcahy, City Editor, *Fitchburg Sentinel;* J. C. Doyle, City Editor, *Holyoke Transcript;* William Heffernan, Editor and Publisher, *Spencer Leader;* William F. Holland, City Editor, *Worcester Evening Gazette;* Patrick J. Ryan, City Editor, *North Adams Transcript;* Thomas P. Murphy, City Editor, *Worcester Telegram;* Clifford Welsh, Managing Editor, *Westfield Valley Herald;* James L. Conroy, General Business Manager, *Worcester Evening Post;* Edward D. Delahanty, Circulation Manager, *Worcester Telegram and Gazette;* Thomas F. Murphy, Circulation Manager, *Springfield Daily News*.

NATIVE SONS WHO ARE WINNING PROMINENCE IN OTHER FIELDS—Beyond the present borders of our diocese, but natives of our Springfield fold, are many who are making a name for themselves in their chosen walks of life. Among these are:

Frank A. Comerford, Boston attorney, formerly of Worcester, Holy Cross Graduate, President New England Power Company. Michael A. Morrissey, President, Union News Co. and General Manager, American News Company, New York City, formerly of Springfield. J. L. Truden, formerly of Pittsfield, General Superintendent of the Boston & Albany Railroad. Dr. Joseph J. Reilly, Hunter College, New York, a native of Springfield, and graduate of Holy Cross College, one time chief examiner of the Massachusetts Civil Service Board and later Superintendent of Schools in Ware. Author of many volumes. Maurice J. Lacey, native of Worcester, graduate of Sacred Heart Academy, Headmaster of Jamaica Plain High School, Boston. Richard Reid of Atlanta, Ga., formerly of Worcester, graduate of Holy Cross College; Secretary Georgia Laymen's League. Edward Donnellan, District Attorney, Denver, Colorado. Stephen S. Jackson, native of Springfield, graduate of Cathedral High School and Holy Cross College. Judge of Industrial Accident Board, member of law firm of Jackson & Ryan, New York City; lecturer at Fordham University School of Sociology and legal adviser on legislative matters, Catholic Charities, New York. Harry C. McDonald, Boston, a native of Springfield, Director New England Division, Radio-Keith-Orpheum Corporation Theatres. Cornelius McGillicuddy (Connie Mack), baseball magnate of Philadelphia, a native of East Brookfield. Thomas B. Lawler, New York City, a native of Worcester, member of publishing firm of Ginn and Company, New York, Boston and Chicago. John P. O'Brien, New York City, a native of Worcester, Surrogate, County of New York; a former member of Congress from New York, and a former corporation counsel, City of New York.

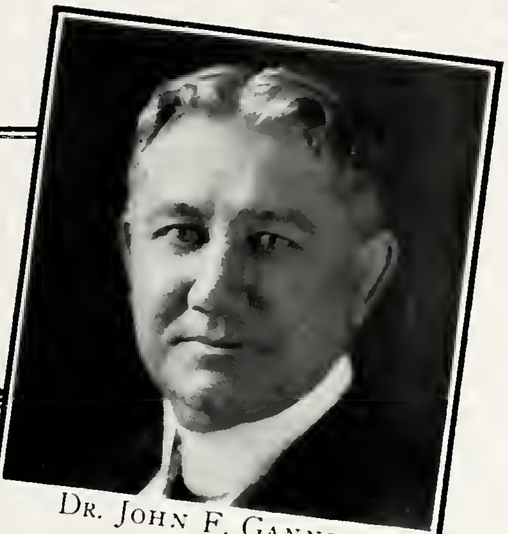
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OFFICIALS—Our chambers of commerce are not precisely famous for any proclivity to appoint Catholic officials. Hence, the rare Catholic who becomes the president of a chamber of commerce, or secretary, deserves a place among the prominent men of our faith. We know of only three Catholics of our diocese who have been honored by election as presidents of the chambers of commerce in any of our cities: John F. Tinsley, of Worcester, Hugh C. McLean, of Holyoke, and John L. McLaughlin, of Pittsfield; and only three have been appointed full-time chamber of commerce secretaries: Conrad Hemond, of Holyoke, Robert P. Dolan, of Greenfield, who are now doing excellent work as secretaries of the chambers of commerce in their communities, and Michael J. McCarrin, who served for a brief term in Northampton, resigning the office to become secretary to Governor Allen. He is now Assistant Secretary of the Massachusetts Industrial Accident Board. We are informed, too, that there are only two other cities in all New England where a Catholic has been appointed as full-time chamber of commerce secretary. Attorney James E. Hafey, of Chicopee, carries on the duties of this office in Chicopee in connection with his law practice. He is the only Catholic part-time chamber of commerce secretary that we know of in any of the cities of the Springfield Diocese. Mr. Hafey is also State Advocate of the Knights of Columbus.

ARCHITECTS—As architects, Catholic laymen have won their spurs. Where, in the earlier days of our diocese, most of our churches and institutions were planned and designed by those from outside, such as Patrick C. Kieley and Patrick W. Ford, of Boston, or James Murphy, of Providence, our own architects are now not merely doing the major part of our work in the diocese, but are in demand elsewhere. Prominent among our successful Catholic architects are:

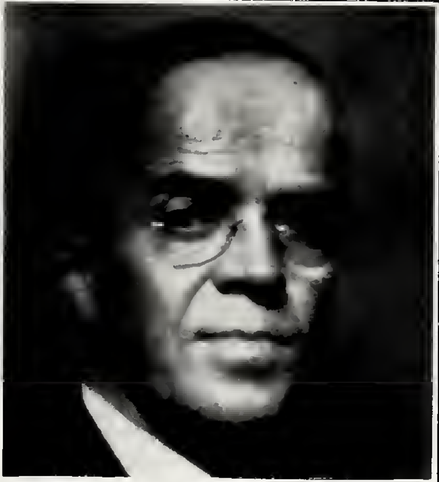
John William Donohue: Diocesan architect, member of Boston Society of Architects, Architectural League, of New York, and the American Institute of Architects; architect of Holy Cross Church, Holyoke; St. Bridget's Church, Amherst; St. Bernard's Church, Worcester; St. Mark's, Pittsfield; St. Joseph's High School, North Adams; Sacred Heart High School, Springfield; St. Mary's High School, Milford; St. John's High School, Worcester; St. Michael's High School, Northampton; our new hospital additions; the Motherhouse of the Sisters of Providence, at Brightside; O'Leary Hall Dormitory and the Administration and Liberal Arts Building, College of Our Lady of The Elms, Chicopee, and many more of our recent churches, convents, schools and rectories. Mr. Donohue is also designer of the splendid La Salle School, in Providence.

O. E. Nault, Worcester: Worcester—St. Joseph's Church, School, Rectory and Convent;

James E. Wall
North Adams
President and Treasurer, Wall-Streeter Shoe Co.



Dr. John F. Gannon
Pittsfield
Superintendent, Pittsfield Schools
President, State Association of School Superintendents



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Pittsfield
President and Treasurer
Hotel Wendell Corporation

John F. Deely
Lee
President, Lee Lime Corporation

Thomas E. Kelly
Pittsfield
Proprietor, Rice & Kelly Furniture Co.

Jeremiah P. Wall
North Adams
Treasurer, Wall-Keller-McKee Co.

Frank A. Carroll
Pittsfield
Manager, Pittsfield Milk Exchange

Some Outstanding Catholic Business and Professional Leaders of Berkshire County

Michael A. Morrissey
New York
Formerly of Springfield
President, Union News Company, Vice President and General Manager, American News Company

Dr. Joseph J. Reilly
New York
Formerly of Springfield
Head of English Department and Librarian, Hunter College, New York. Author

Thomas B. Lawler
New York
Formerly of Worcester
Member of Book Publishing Firm of Ginn & Company of New York, Boston, Chicago, Etc.

Cornelius McGillicuddy
Philadelphia
Formerly of East Brookfield
Baseball Magnate. Manager, World Champion Philadelphia "Athletics"

Frank A. Comerford
Boston
Formerly of Worcester
President, New England Power Company

Stephen S. Jackson
New York
Formerly of Springfield
Judge, State Industrial Accident Board. Legal Adviser, Catholic Charities

Richard Reid
Augusta, Georgia
Formerly of Worcester
Secretary, Georgia Laymen's Association

Harry C. McDonald
Boston
Formerly of Springfield
New England Director, Radio-Keith-Orpheum Theatres

Some Native Sons Who Are Winning Prominence in Other Fields

J. B. KENNEDY
Greenfield
Business and Political Leader of Franklin County

FRANK J. LAWLER
Greenfield
First Catholic admitted to Franklin County Bar

HON. ROLAND H. P. JACOBUS
Turners Falls
Justice, Franklin County Probate Court

FRANK A. SMITH
Greenfield
Comptroller Greenfield Tap and Die Corporation

SOME OUTSTANDING CATHOLIC BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL LEADERS OF FRANKLIN COUNTY

Holy Name of Jesus Church, School, Rectory and Convent; Gardner—Our Lady of the Rosary Church, School, Rectory; Webster—St. Ann's School, Sacred Heart Parish; Holyoke—Immaculate Conception School and Convent; Worcester—Assumption College, St. Francis' Home; Fitchburg—St. Francis of Assisi Church, Immaculate Conception Church.

D. R. Baribault, Springfield: Architect of Immaculate Conception Church and Our Lady of Perpetual Help School, Rectory and Convent, Holyoke; Our Lady of Czestochowa Convent, School and Rectory, Turners Falls; Notre Dame Church, Worcester; proposed new St. Cecelia's Church, Leominster.

Raymond C. Gorrani, Worcester: Architect, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, Worcester.

G. E. Haynes, Pittsfield: Architect, Our Lady of the Angels Church, Worcester.

Morris W. Maloney, Springfield: Architect of many public school buildings in Springfield and vicinity.

George P. Dion, Chicopee: Architect of Assumption Church, Chicopee, and St. Stanislaus School, Chicopee.

Peter F. McLaughlin, Pittsfield: Designer of many public schools and institutions.

GENERAL BUILDING CONTRACTORS—General building contractors are numerous among Catholics and many have been aided to success materially by winning bids for the erection of our own churches, schools, convents and hospitals. Among our successful individuals and firms, eminent in the world of builders, are:

J. M. & C. J. Buckley, Worcester: Builder of St. Vincent's Hospital, St. Agnes' Guild, St. Stephen's School, St. Peter's School addition, St. Peter's Church addition, St. Casimir's School, Sacred Heart School, Our Lady of Vilna Church, all in Worcester; St. Bridget's Church, Amherst; St. Louis' School, Webster.

Casper Ranger Company, Holyoke: Builder of Bowers Hall, Yale University; new Boston Herald and Traveler Building, Boston; new Chemistry Building, Amherst College; new Sanatorium Building, Riggs Foundation, Stockbridge.

Daniel J. Donahue, Springfield: Builder of the

Conrad Hemond, Secretary, Holyoke Chamber of Commerce, and Robert P. Dolan, Secretary, Greenfield Chamber of Commerce.

new Motherhouse of the Sisters of Providence, at Brightside; the new college building, College of Our Lady of The Elms, Chicopee; St. Francis' School, North Adams.

J. P. Keating, of Westboro: Builder of St. Mary's High School, Milford; St. Michael's High School, Northampton; Mercy Hospital and Nurses' Home, Springfield; St. Stephen's Convent, Worcester; St. Luke's Church, Westboro.

Louis La France, Holyoke: Builder of St. Mary's Church, Ware; O'Leary Hall Dormitory, College of Our Lady of The Elms, Chicopee.

P. J. Mahoney, Westfield: Builder of Holy Trinity Church, Westfield; Holy Rosary School, Clinton; Holy Family Church, Springfield; St. Bernard's Church, Worcester; St. Stanislaus' School, Adams; foundation, Motherhouse, Sisters of Providence.

McDermott Brothers, Worcester: St. John's School, St. Peter's Church, new interior, St. John's Church, Notre Dame Convent, St. Vincent's Home for Aged Women, Academy of the Sacred Heart, Notre Dame Normal Institute, St. Mary's Church, Rectory, School, St. Paul's School, St. Gabriel's Convent of Our Lady of Mercy, St. Stephen's Church, Loyola Hall, Holy Cross College, St. Vincent's Hospital Nurses' Home, St. Stephen's Convent, St. John's High School and Gymnasium, Dinand Library at Holy Cross College, St. Joseph's Home for Working Girls, St. Paul's Rectory, Our Lady of Vilna Rectory—all in Worcester; St. John's School, Clinton; St. Peter's School, Northbridge.

Daniel O'Connell's Sons, Holyoke: Builder of Holy Cross Church, Recreation Building, Sacred Heart Parish, and Farr-Alpaca Mills, Holyoke; National Guard Armory, Springfield; Shelburne Falls Electric Power Development; Cobble Mountain Electric Power Plant; Immaculate Conception School, West Springfield; American Writing Paper Power Plant, Holyoke.

W. J. Quinn, Longmeadow: St. Michael's Rectory, East Longmeadow, and now building the new St. Mary's Church, Longmeadow.

Joseph J. Roberts, Worcester: Builder of Notre Dame Church, St. Joseph's Church, Holy Name of Jesus School and Assumption College Dormitory Building and Gymnasium, Worcester; St. Cecelia's School, Leominster; Assumption School, Millbury; Our Lady of Czestochowa Church, Turners Falls; St. Teresa's Chapel, Blackstone.

L. Rocheford & Son, Inc., Worcester: Builder of St. Joseph's School and Rectory, Holy Name of Jesus Rectory, and St. Francis' Home for the Aged, all in Worcester; St. Francis' Church, Immaculate Conception Church and School, Fitchburg; Assumption Church, Millbury; Our Lady of the Rosary School, Gardner.

J. G. Roy & Sons, Springfield: Builder of Passionist Monastery of Our Mother of Sorrows, West Springfield; Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church; All Souls' Rectory, and new addition to Mount Carmel Church, Springfield.

John J. Power, Worcester: Ascension Parish Rectory and Lincoln Square Boys' Club, Worcester.

M. J. Walsh & Sons, Holyoke: Builder of Central Fire Station and Holyoke Silk Hosiery Mill, Holyoke; West Springfield High School; Westfield High School; Lawler Theater, Greenfield; Bay Path Institute, Springfield; St. Stanislaus' School, Chicopee; St. Leo's School, Leominster; St. Mary's School, Clinton.

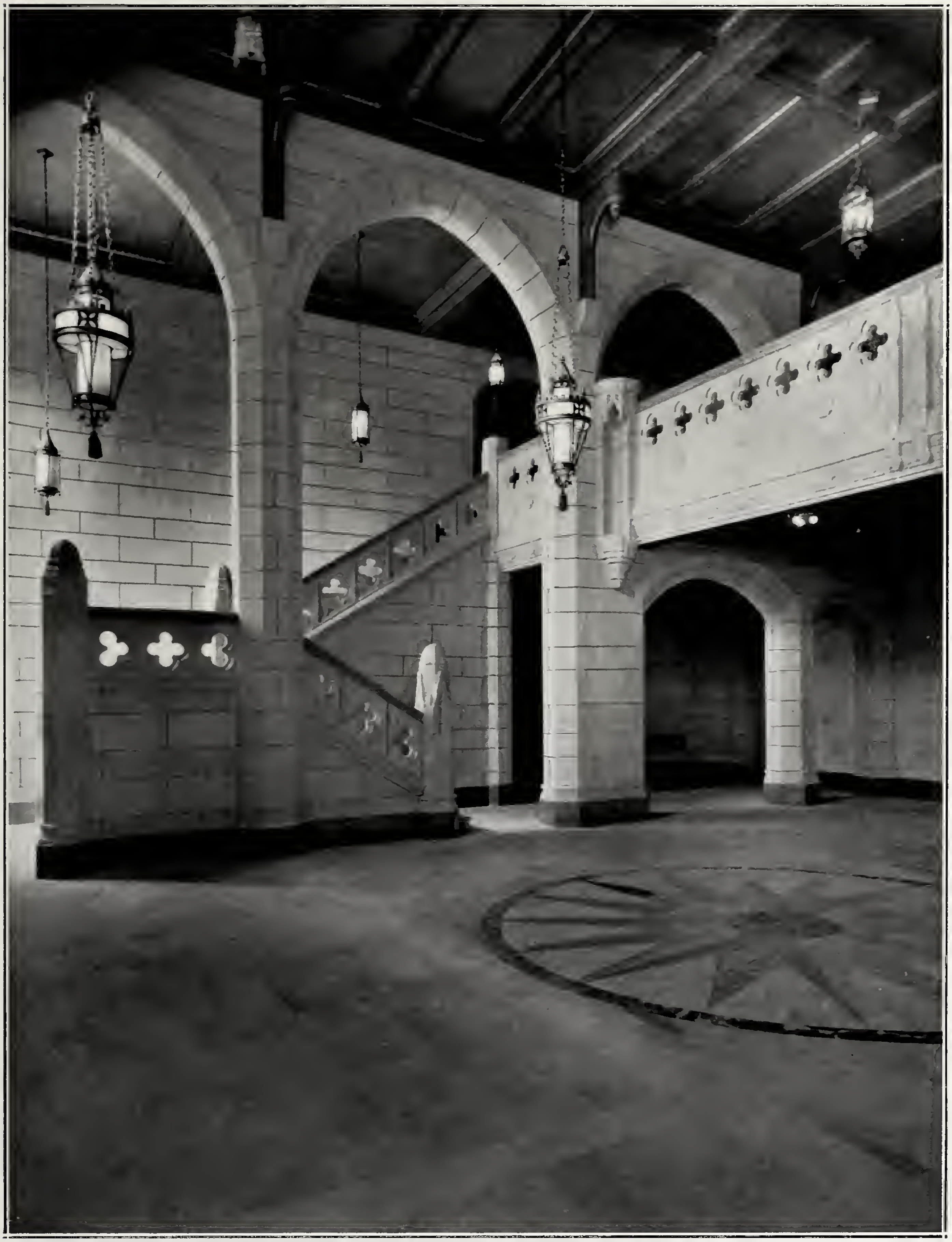
D. A. Sullivan & Sons, Inc., Northampton: St. George's Church, Chicopee Falls; Annunciation School, Florence; Court House, Northampton.

Were sufficient space at our disposal, we could compile another list of greater length, to include the outstanding plumbing contractors, electrical contractors, heating and ventilating contractors and engineers, painting and decorating contractors, plastering contractors, roofing contractors, interior woodworking contractors.

All who have had building experience know the large share which the subcontractors contribute to the beauty and utility of our ecclesiastical structures, but an enumeration of them all would carry us too far afield for the scope of our article and the space at our disposal. As the military superior pays his tribute to the "men behind the guns," so we editorially give our meed of praise and credit to the "men behind the contractor."

This roll call, which could be extended indefinitely, is a long and honorable one, and reflects credit on the energy and ability of our Catholic professional and business men. Everywhere they have made their presence felt, and won respect and renown for themselves and their Church.

Of those whom we have been able to present here, we do not say: "By one judge all"; we do say that by these comparatively few you may judge the calibre of the Catholic layman in politics, in business, in the professions, and remember that the Church which trained them trained Americans.



Main Entrance Lobby in Administration and Liberal Arts Building
College of Our Lady of The Elms

Mother Mary of the Guardian Angel, S.S A.

Mother Mary Edward
Sisters of Providence

Mother Mary Cecelia, S.S.J.

IN MEMORIAM

The First Superiors of Our Parish Schools and Charitable Institutions

Sister Mary Albanie, first Superior of Holy Name School, Chicopee, where the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur opened the pioneer of our parish schools, in 1867.

Mother Mary Cecelia, who was Superior of the first school which the Sisters of St. Joseph opened in our diocese, St. Patrick's School, Chicopee Falls, which welcomed its first pupils in 1880.

Mother Mary of the Guardian Angel, who was Superior of our first parish school for French Canadians — Notre Dame, Worcester, of which the Sisters of St. Ann took charge in 1881.

Sister Mary Edward, Superior of the initial foundation of the Sisters of Providence in our diocese — a hospital and orphanage at South Hadley Falls, in 1878.

Sister Mary Elizabeth, Superior of the first hospital in our diocese — established in St. Ann's Parish, Worcester, by the Sisters of Mercy, in 1864.

These early workers furnished the initial impetus and lasting inspiration of a system which is now one hundred schools and a score of high schools, six orphan asylums, eight hospitals, five homes for the aged, three homes for working girls, two day nurseries and our House of the Good Shepherd.

Epilogue

A brief résumé of our diocesan story, even though necessarily sketchy and incomplete, cannot but beget deep admiration for the sturdy Catholic faith of our fathers. Their pioneer efforts send us many a message of courage, perseverance, self-sacrifice, and childlike trust in the God who ever brings the dawn to dispel the darkness.

It was John Boyle O'Reilly who wrote the poetic admonition:

> What man would be wise, let him drink of the river
> That bears on its bosom the record of time;
> A message to him every wave can deliver.

There was nothing auspicious about the humble beginnings, when the first Catholics came to build our railroads and canals, to work in field and mill. Perhaps the heroic priests who followed them over hill and valley, priests who could scarcely be said to have a home, so constantly were they in motion, to carry the consolations of Mass and the sacraments to Catholicity's scattered pathfinders, had little idea of how, thanks to their unremitting toil, the ranks of the faithful were to increase and multiply into the prosperous and pious congregations which have dotted western Massachusetts with churches and schools.

The first humble churches, many of them erected by the men of the congregation who labored after hours, many of them erected by the self-sacrifice which even mortgaged homes to give God a fitting domicile, have, in most cases, been replaced by more imposing structures, but all told the story of a love which faltered at no expenditure of time or treasure, when the good of our Catholic faith demanded it. So well did those early builders labor that many of the edifices they erected are still standing as monuments to their foresight and generosity.

In those days, when anti-Catholic animosity was often in the ascendant, when Native Americanism and Knownothingism visited their hatred on what they did not understand and did not wish to comprehend, there were instances of churches being burned, and others threatened with destruction. In many an instance, the welcome to Catholics was the warning that they were not wanted. Misunderstandings of Catholicism often preceded the Catholic pioneer, and painted him in colors of blackest hue, so that more than once he had worn out his welcome before he arrived.

Yet, to the everlasting credit of our non-Catholic neighbors be it said, there were always liberal Protestants who sympathized with the trials of the Catholic newcomers; there was always a generous Protestant to hire a hall for them, sell land to them, to erect their houses of worship, and even give generous financial aid when church and rectory were being built. More than one Protestant bought land which a Catholic could not buy, and then sold it in turn to the Catholics, for whom he had made the purchase. Nearly every early Catholic community, tried though they all were in the crucible of unjust suspicion and unfair treatment, handed down in gratitude the names of Protestant families who befriended them.

There is, too, a lesson of fervor and love for the "faith once given to the saints" in the reminder that Catholics once trudged from northern Berkshire to Albany, from Lee and Great Barrington to Pittsfield, from Northampton and Holyoke to Chicopee, from Fitchburg and Rutland to Worcester, to assist at the holy sacrifice of the Mass, and render homage to their Eucharistic God. Catholic Church attendance today is a source of edification to non-Catholics, but what merit it must have gained, in the early days, for those who covered whole counties, on foot or horseback, to assist at Calvary's sacrifice? God has blessed the Church in western Massachusetts for the loyal service given by our sturdy forefathers in the ranks of the Cross.

And what a panorama of priestly zeal that early chapter of our church history unfolds! A lonely figure in black covering Worcester County from Otter River to Blackstone; another from Chicopee north and south and east and west; a third seeking isolated souls among the remotest hills of Berkshire; another from Webster, ministering to Catholics as far away as Barre—these are the heroes of the days of romance which saw the cross appear on every hill top, and smile over every valley.

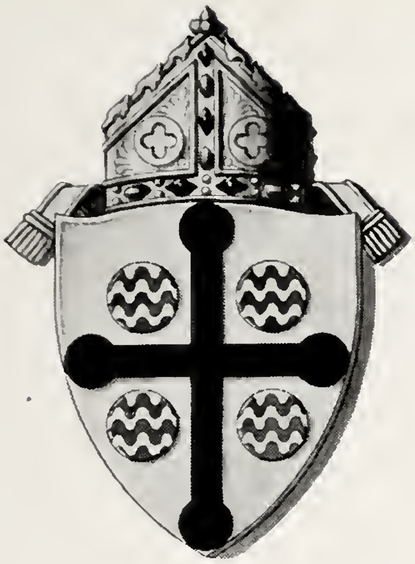
The pioneers of Catholic education taught in church choir loft, or basement or rude hut, until the coming of the religious teachers. With their arrival dawned the new era that has given us our hundreds of teachers, nearly fifty thousand students, and school buildings which, in every department of health and pedagogy, compare with the best in the commonwealth.

Of course, the sacrifices of the fathers are no longer exacted of the children, but the heritage handed down imposes a weighty responsibility—it must be preserved, and is being preserved. Priests are no longer braving all kinds of weather in long missionary journeys through almost trackless districts. The multiplication of parishes has brought nearly all of our half million souls within easy reach of church and school. But the present needs call for sacrifice of another kind: the endless instruction against the inroads of a materialistic age, the establishment of a flourishing sodality life to give to the Lord a service that makes up in generosity what it lacks in hardship, the long hours in the confessional exacted by our glorious growth in frequent Communions, the endless provision for new, modern and expensive buildings, that God's services and work may be carried on in inviting surroundings, the vigilant apostleship that seeks out and ministers to souls in institutions of every description, the campaign based upon the divine hope that, of all those entrusted to us, not one shall be lost, these are the salient features of our modern apostolate, which is nobly carrying on a work nobly begun.

The days of long missions and hostile demonstrations and rude houses of worship are practically over. The days of long hours in confessional and classroom, of compact organization that the net of Peter may reach every soul, of endless instruction that faith may be based on knowledge and deep devotion, that all may practice the command to "pray always," have supplanted them, and our fondest hope is that priest and people may measure up to their new responsibilities as nobly as the faithful pathfinders who blazed Catholicity's early way across the central and western counties of Massachusetts, a century or more ago.

Like all real heroes, our forbears in the faith did not regard themselves as heroic, and made little conscious effort to preserve the details of their pioneer story for a future day. They merely did their daily duty, offered God their daily homage, gloried in giving His Eucharistic Presence the best possible homes, and left the issue in the hands of their Benefactor. Yet, that age of simple self-sacrifice and childlike love left us some noble monuments of Gothic architecture, and nobler monuments of Godlike faith. The priests who followed the early Catholic laborers along railroads and canals were accorded a warm welcome, and every appeal for a material support of religion met a ready response. They could not give much, these humble hewers of wood and drawers of water in the first stage of America's industrial growth, but, from their small wage of sixty cents a day, they gave what they could and began the golden chain of Eucharistic temples which runs, like the finger of God, through our western counties. Yes, those lowly laborers of a far-off time received a weekly wage that would now scarce be considered a daily pittance. On their sixty cents to a dollar a day, they purchased homes, raised large families, gave their children the education which was denied to themselves, and laid, firm and strong, the foundation of Catholicity's glorious future. There may be an economic explanation of their success—it may have been entirely, as it must have been, in part, the fruit of "plain living and high thinking," but the man of faith finds the secret of this wonderful century in the generosity of a people to a God Who is never outdone in generosity.

Did space permit, we should gladly pay more extended tribute to the priestly souls who, in days gone by, and today, advanced, and advance, the Master's cause on every front. But the necessary limitations of a chronicle preclude the possibility of individual tribute. A flourishing church of half a million souls is their deathless monument, and the "Well done" of the Divine Master their enduring reward.



Seal of the Diocese of Springfield

The traditions of heraldry are very ancient and are clearly traceable as far back as the standards of the early Egyptians. Its development was stimulated by the military necessity of later ages, which required some means of proclaiming identity when armour rendered recognition difficult. It is inseparably associated with the age of chivalry. By the end of the twelfth century it had become a completed science, generally used throughout Europe.

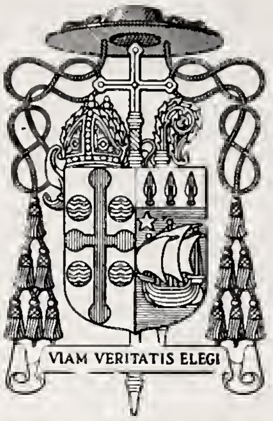
Heraldry is the science of recording genealogies and standards. The coat-of-arms is the expression of the science of heraldry. Ecclesiastical heraldry is not different from general heraldry; their origin was the same and their development was contemporary. The chief present day applications of ecclesiastical heraldry are found in the insignia of religious corporations (a diocese, or see, or religious order or institution) and the personal insignia of ecclesiastical dignity, rank or office.

Genuine heraldry, particularly personal heraldry, is not as commonly used in republican countries as in monarchical countries, where the customs of royalty prevail. But we daily meet with adaptations of it in the symbols of our fraternal societies, in the emblems of peace and war, of industry, commerce, agriculture, labor, arts and science which adorn our public buildings, our monuments, etc.; we find it, too, in our municipal, state and national seals, in the insignia of our colleges, and in many other applications. Comparatively few people, however, are familiar with the hidden symbolism of heraldry and for this reason an explanation of our diocesan seal should prove interesting.

The heraldry of the Diocese of Springfield is woven from two thoughts: "Springfield" and "St. Michael." St. Michael is symbolized by the large red cross on a silver ground, known in mediaeval art as the Cross of St. Michael. It was chosen for our diocese because St. Michael is the patron saint of our Cathedral Church.

The symbol which heraldry uses for a fountain, or a spring, is a circle, filled with wavy bars, alternating in blue and silver, and representative of water. On the insignia of the Springfield Diocese four of these herald "springs" are used. They represent "Springfield" and also symbolize the four Gospels, the springs of living truth. By their position on the shield, one in each corner of the cross, they symbolize the four mystical rivers of Paradise which mediaeval art represents as flowing from the cross.

Section VII



Seal of

RIGHT REVEREND

Thomas M. O'Leary, D.D.

In keeping with century-old traditions, every bishop in the Catholic Church has an official coat-of-arms. Likewise, every diocese throughout the world has its own separate insignia. The symbols of a diocese seldom change, but every change of bishops requires a new coat-of-arms, since, under the laws of ecclesiastical heraldry, the episcopal coat-of-arms is formed by combining the insignia of the diocese and the personal heraldry of the bishop. The crest thus formed is used on all official diocesan documents.

Bishop O'Leary's coat-of-arms is the usual combination of a bishop's heraldry with that of his diocese. The left section of our diocesan crest represents the Diocese of Springfield; the right, the personal heraldry of the bishop. The joining of the two on one shield signifies the close union existent between the See and its Chief Shepherd.

On the right, or personal section, of our diocesan crest there appears a ship, a part of the traditional emblem of the O'Leary family, but the colors have been changed from their original black on silver to silver on blue, the heraldic colors of Mary Immaculate, the Mother of God, to whom the Bishop has a very special devotion. On the background, guiding the ship, appears a star, symbolic of Our Lady's title, "Star of the Sea." On the upper part of the shield appear three spearheads, symbols of St. Thomas, the instruments of his martyrdom, and in number symbolic of the Blessed Trinity. Hence, this section of the coat of arms reads: Thomas Mary O'Leary.

Above the shield, in gold, are the episcopal mitre, the pastoral staff and the processional cross. Surmounting all is the episcopal green hat, and on the scroll at the bottom appears the Bishop's motto: *Viam Veritatis Elegi,* "I Have Chosen the Way of Truth." On each side of the crest, arranged in rows of one, two and three, respectively, are six tassels, the traditional manner of indicating the rank of a bishop, an archbishop having ten and a cardinal fifteen.

Such is the coat-of-arms of Rt. Rev. Thomas M. O'Leary, Bishop of Springfield—beautiful, interesting, full of meaning, the crest which adorns the official documents of our diocese.

Directory of Priests

Diocese of Springfield

ABBREVIATIONS: P.P.—*Parish Pastor.* P.R.—*Permanent Rector.*

ABI-SAAB, REV. MICHAEL, St. Anthony's, 50 Charles Street, Springfield.

ABI-SAAB, RT. REV. MSGR. PAUL, P.P., St. Anthony's, 50 Charles Street, Springfield.

ACHIM, REV. L. J., P.P., Notre Dame, Melville Street. Pittsfield.

ADRAIN, REV. W. H., St. Mary's, Shrewsbury.

AHERN, REV. ROBERT L. (D.C.L.), Chancellor and Secretary, 76 Elliot Street, Springfield.

AHERN, REV. WM. F., St. Mary's, 263 Hamilton Street, Southbridge.

ALLEN, REV. WILLIAM F., St. Paul's, Blackstone.

AUBERTIN, REV. A. A., Holy Name of Jesus, 51 Illinois Street, Worcester.

AUGE, REV. AUG. B., St. Cecelia's, 168 Mechanic Street, Leominster.

AUGER, REV. HENRY J., Our Lady of Perpetual Help, 271 Chestnut Street, Holyoke.

AUSTIN, REV. EDWARD J., St. Mary's, Lee.

AUTHIER, REV. EDW. G., St. Anthony's, 7 Bradley Street, Worcester.

BAKANAS, REV. JOHN J., St. Casimir's, 41 Providence Street, Worcester.

BARRETTE, REV. A. J., Notre Dame, 228 Main Street, North Adams.

BARRY, REV. J. S. (D.D.), P.P., St. Bartholomew's, Bondsville.

BEAUDRY, REV. A. T., St. Thomas', 35 Harriet Street, Springfield.

BEAUREGARD, REV. T., St. Francis', 64 Dover Street, Fitchburg.

BELL, REV. J. J., P.P., St. Peter's, 929 Main Street, Worcester.

BENOIT, REV. P. N., P.P., St. Ann's, Three Rivers.

BLAIN, REV. C. A., Good Shepherd, Linwood.

BOJANOWSKI, REV. B. A., P.P., St. Mary's, 15 Richland Street, Worcester.

BOLAN, REV. T. A., St. Ann's, 23 Eastern Avenue, Worcester.

BOLAND, REV. JOHN F., P.P., Our Lady of the Rosary, Spencer.

BOURASSA, REV. J. P., P.P., St. Aloysius', 215 Main Street, Indian Orchard.

BOUTIN, REV. H. A., Holy Name of Jesus, 51 Illinois Street, Worcester.

BOUTIN, REV. J. H., Precious Blood, 56 Cabot Street, Holyoke.

BOYNE, REV. MATTHEW L., P.P., St. Mary the Morning Star, 653 Tyler Street, Pittsfield.

BRAULT, REV. ALBERT, P.P., Good Shepherd, Linwood.

BREEN, REV. WM. F., St. Thomas', Huntington.

BRODERICK, REV. J. W., P.P., Church of Blessed Sacrament, 336 Elm Street, Northampton.

BRODEUR, REV. J., Nativity of Blessed Virgin Mary, 780 Chicopee Street, Willimansett.

BRODEUR, REV. SILVIO, Notre Dame, 5 Salem Square, Worcester.

BRODRICK, REV. J. J., P.P., St. Thomas Aquinas, Columbia Street, Adams.

BROPHY, REV. W. R., Holy Rosary, 50 Mosher Street, Holyoke.

BROUILLET, REV. F. J., Holy Name of Jesus, 51 Illinois Street. Worcester.

BRUNELLE, REV. GEORGE L., St. Aloysius, 215 Main Street, Indian Orchard.

BUISSON, REV. A., P.P., Our Lady of Good Counsel, 27 Pleasant Street, Easthampton.

BURKE, REV. HENRY M., St. Mary's, 30 Bartlett Street, Westfield.

BURKE, REV. JAMES M., P.P., St. Catherine's, Leeds.

BURNS, REV. F. C., P.P., St. John's, Hadley.

CANTIN, REV. R. W., Sacred Heart, 18 East Main Street, Webster.

CAREY, REV. M. C., P.P., St. Patrick's, Williamstown.

CAREY, REV. PATRICK E., P.P., St. John's, 5 Church Street, Millers Falls.

CARPINELLA, REV. A., P.P., St. Anthony's, Salem Street, Fitchburg.

CARROLL, REV. FRANCIS J., St. Ann's, Lenox.

CARROLL, REV. H. F., Blessed Sacrament, 336 Elm Street, Northampton.

CARROLL, REV. MICHAEL J., P.P., St. Thomas', 76 Thorndike Street, Palmer.

CASEY, REV. E. D., Farren Memorial Hospital, Montague City.

CASEY, REV. JAMES W., P.P., St. Ann's, 25 Sixth Street, Turners Falls.

CASEY, REV. JOHN T., P.P., St. Philip's, Grafton.

CAVANAUGH, REV. JAMES P., Our Lady of the Angels, 1222 Main Street, Worcester.

CAWLEY, REV. JOHN J., Blessed Sacrament, 20 Hitchcock Street, Holyoke.

CAYER, REV. A. J. B. (D.C.L.), Administrator, St. Joseph's, 82 Howard Street, Springfield.

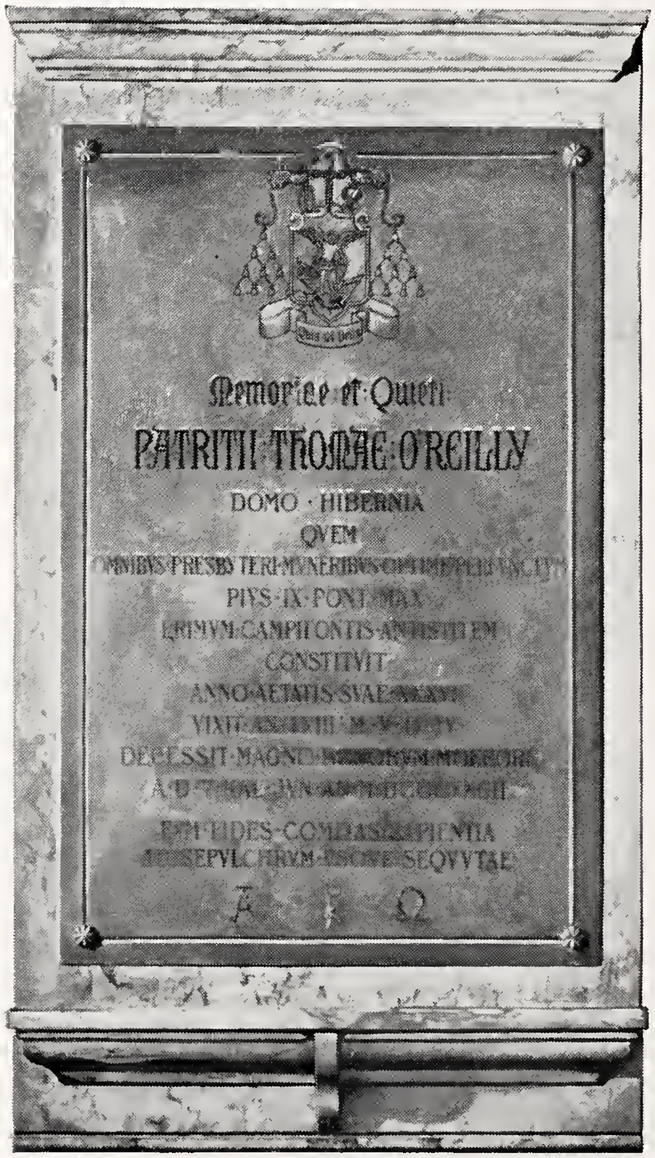
CHABOT, REV. E. M., Assumption, 104 Springfield Street, Chicopee.

CHARLAND, REV. OSCAR J., Notre Dame, 21 Maple Street, Adams.

CHEVRETTE, REV. J. O. (D.D., L.L.D.), Sacred Heart, 101 King Street, Northampton.

CHICOINE, REV. J. E., P.P., St. Cecelia's, 168 Mechanic Street, Leominster.

CHLAPOWSKI, REV. S. J., P.P., St. Joseph's, 358 Pleasant Street, Gardner.
CHOQUETTE, REV. WILFRED J., P.P., St. Thomas Aquinas, 35 Harriet Street, Springfield.
COMTOIS, REV. J. O., P.P., St. Mary's, Spencer.
CONATY, RT. REV. MSGR. B. S. (P.A., V.G., LL.D.), P.P., St. Joseph's, 414 North Street, Pittsfield.
CONLIN, RT. REV. MSGR. J. F., P.R., Holy Name of Jesus, 33 South Street, Chicopee.
CONNELL, REV. WALTER C., St. Charles College, Catonsville, Md.
CONNELLAN, REV. THOMAS J. J., St. Peter's, Great Barrington.
CONNERY, REV. H. J., St. Jerome's, 169 Hampden Street, Holyoke.
CONNOR, REV. G. S. L., Rector, St. Michael's Cathedral, 260 State Street, Springfield.
CONNORS, REV. EDWARD T., St. Peter's, 929 Main Street, Worcester.
COSTELLO, REV. J. P., Our Lady of Hope, 14 Grover Street, Springfield.
COURTNEY, REV. JAS. J., Sacred Heart, 596 Cambridge Street, Worcester.
COYLE, REV. P. F. (D.D.), P.P., Our Lady of the Valley, Sheffield.



Marble and bronze memorial tablet, in St. Michael's Cathedral, to the late Bishop O'Reilly, first Bishop of Springfield.

CROWLEY, REV. DANIEL A., Holy Cross, 507 Appleton Street, Holyoke.
CRUSE, REV. JAMES M., P.P., Our Lady of Hope, 14 Grover Street, Springfield.
CUMMINGS, REV. T. F. (D.D.), P.R., St. Mary of the Assumption, 3 Elm Street, Northampton. .
CURRAN, REV. E. F., St. Joseph's, Shelburne Falls.
CURRAN, REV. HUGH M., Holy Name, 323 Dickinson Street, Springfield.
CURRAN, REV. JAMES P., P.P., St. Mary's, 30 Bartlett Street, Westfield.
CURRAN, REV. MICHAEL J. (D.D.), P.P., Our Lady Immaculate, 192 School Street, Athol.
CURRAN, REV. THOMAS F., Blessed Sacrament, 551 Pleasant Street, Worcester.
CURTIN, REV. JOHN W., St. Paul's, 42 High Street, Worcester.
CYMAN, REV. L. M., O.M.C., P.P., St. Stanislaus', 566 Front Street, Chicopee.
CYRAN, RT. REV. MSGR. A. A., P.P., St. Joseph's, 53 Whitcomb Street, Webster.
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ORDAINED PRIEST DECEMBER 18, 1876
CONSECRATED BISHOP OCTOBER 18, 1892
DIED SPRINGFIELD OCTOBER 5, 1920
ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO HIM,
O LORD AND LET PERPETUAL LIGHT
SHINE UPON HIM.
MAY HE REST IN PEACE AMEN

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Scene at grave of the saintly Rev. Patrick J. Power, Malden, Mass., where miracles are said to have occurred. It was estimated that over one hundred thousand people visited the cemetery on the Sunday this photograph was taken. Father Power served nearly all his priestly life in Chicopee and Springfield.

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ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH. Rev. A. J. B. Cayer, D. C. L., *Administrator.* Curates, Rev. E. D. Gravel, Rev. Albert C. Fleury. Rectory, 82 Howard Street. School, all grades, in charge of Sisters of Holy Cross and of the Seven Dolors. Convent, 1239 Columbus Avenue. Parish established in 1873.

SACRED HEART PARISH. *Pastor,* Rev. Daniel H. McDermott, D. C. L. Curates, Rev. John D. Sullivan, Rev. Thomas J. Smith, Rev. Howard W. O'Connell. Rectory, 395 Chestnut Street. School, all grades, and high school for girls, in charge of Sisters of Notre Dame. Convent, 35 Everett Street. Parish established in 1872.

ALL SOULS' PARISH. *Pastor,* Rev. F. A. Lane. Curates, Rev. J. H. Engstrom, Rev. Francis J. Power. Rectory, 445 Plainfield Street. Mission, Blessed Sacrament Church, Dover Street. Parish established in 1908.

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ST. ANTHONY'S PARISH. *Pastor,* Rt. Rev. Msgr. Paul Abi-Saab. Curate, Rev. Michael Abi-Saab. Rectory, 50 Charles Street. Parish established in 1900 as Saints Peter and Paul.

OUR LADY OF HOPE PARISH. *Pastor,* Rev. James M. Cruse. Curates, Rev. James P. Costello, Rev. Walter L. Leahy, Rev. John A. Donohue, Rev. David C. Sullivan. Rectory, 14 Grover Street. School, all grades, in charge of Sisters of St. Joseph. Parish established in 1906.

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ST. THOMAS AQUINAS' PARISH. *Pastor,* Rev. Wilfred J. Choquette. Curates, Rev. A. T. Beaudry, Rev. William J. LeClair. Rectory, 35 Harriet Street. School, all grades, in charge of Sisters of Holy Cross. Convent, 17 Harriet Street. Parish established in 1904.

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OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY PARISH. *Pastor,* Rev. Stanislaus Orlemanski. Curate, Rev. Alexander Struczko. Rectory, 334 Franklin Street. School, all grades, in charge of Sisters of Nazareth. Convent, 346 Franklin Street. Parish established in 1917.

OUR LADY OF THE SACRED HEART PARISH. *Pastor,* Rev. George M. Donahue. Curate, Rev. F. M. Hickey. Rectory, 407 Boston Road. Parish established in 1929.

ST MATTHEW'S PARISH. *Pastor,* Rev. James V. Hanrahan. Rectory, 52 Pine Street, Indian Orchard. School, all grades, in charge of Sisters of St. Joseph. Parish established in 1878.

ST. ALOYSIUS' PARISH. *Pastor,* Rev. J. P. Bourassa. Curates, Rev. Antinio O. Dufault, Rev. William H. McAuliff, Rev. George L. Brunnelle. Rectory, 215 Main Street, Indian Orchard. School, all grades, in charge of Sisters of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Parish established in 1876.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH. *Pastor,* Rev. Joseph Tomikowski. Curate, Rev. L. Rys. Rectory, 25 Parker Street, Indian Orchard. School, all grades, in charge of Felician Sisters. Parish established in 1907.

Outside the City of Springfield

ADAMS

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS' PARISH. *Pastor,* Rev. John J. Brodrick. Curate, Rev. F. E. Shannon. Parish established in 1875.

NOTRE DAME PARISH. *Pastor,* Rev. Joseph T. Smith. Curate, Rev. Oscar J. Charland. Rectory, 21 Maple Street. School, all grades, in charge of Sisters of the Holy Cross. Parish established in 1882.

ST. STANISLAUS' PARISH. *Pastor,* Rev. Edmund M. Kempinski. Curate, Rev. J. J. Sitkowski. Rectory, 25 Hoosac Street. School, all grades, in charge of Felician Sisters. Parish established in 1902.

AMHERST

ST. BRIDGET'S PARISH. *Pastor,* Rev. Patrick J. Madden. Curate, Rev. Martin J. Welch. Parish established in 1872.

ASHBURNHAM, SOUTH

ST. ANN'S PARISH. *Pastor,* Rev. James R. McCarty. Mission, St. Denis' Church, Ashburnham. Parish established in 1895.

ATHOL

OUR LADY IMMACULATE PARISH. *Pastor,* Rev. M. J. Curran, D. D. Curates, Rev. C. Ernest Lapierre, Rev. Charles H. Dolan. Rectory, 192 School Street. Mission, St. Ann's Church, North Dana. Parish established in 1882.

ST. FRANCIS' PARISH. *Pastor,* Rev. Pius Juraitis. Rectory, 105 Main Street. Parish established in 1915.

AUBURN

ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH. *Pastor,* Rev. John J. Keating. Curate, Rev. Paul E. O'Day. Parish established in 1907.

BARRE

ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH. *Pastor,* Rev. M. W. Mulhane. Mission, St. Augustine's Church, Wheelwright. Parish established in 1903.

BELCHERTOWN

ST. FRANCIS' PARISH. *Pastor,* Rev. Leo T. Rock. Parish established in 1925.

BLACKSTONE

ST. PAUL'S PARISH. *Pastor,* Rev. Thomas P. Smith. Curate, Rev. William F. Allen. School, all grades, in charge of Sisters of St. Joseph. Parish established in 1852.

ST. TERESA'S PARISH, East Blackstone. *Pastor,* Rev. H. Remy. Rectory address, Rathbun Street, Woonsocket, R. I., P.O. Parish established in 1929.

BONDSVILLE

ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S PARISH. *Pastor,* Rev. J. S. Barry, D. D. Parish established in 1878.

ST. ADALBERT'S PARISH. *Pastor,* Rev. O. Loretan, M. S. Parish established in 1918.

BROOKFIELD

ST. MARY'S PARISH. *Pastor,* Rev. J. A. Dunphy. Curate, Rev. John J. Foley. Missions: St. John's Church, East Brookfield, and Sacred Heart Church, West Brookfield. Parish established in 1885.

CHARLTON CITY

ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH. *Pastor,* Rev. Harry J. Hackett. Parish established in 1900.

CHESHIRE

ASSUMPTION PARISH. *Pastor,* Rev. John C. McMahon. Parish established in 1926.

CHICOPEE

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH. *Pastor,* Rt. Rev. Msgr. John F. Conlin, P. R. Curate, Rev. Donald F. Mullen. Rectory, 33 South Street. School, all grades, including high school for girls, in charge of Sisters of Notre Dame. Parish established as St. Matthew's in 1841.

ASSUMPTION PARISH. *Pastor,* Rev. L. T. Rodier, D. D. Curate, Rev. E. M. Chabot. Rectory, 104 Springfield Street. School, all grades, in charge of Daughters of the Holy Ghost. Parish established in 1885.

ST. STANISLAUS' PARISH. *Pastor,* Rev. L. M. Cyman, O. M. C. Curates, Rev. John E. Kurowski, O. M. C., Rev. Guido Gebala, O. M. C., Rev. Fabian Zator, O. M. C. Rectory, 566 Front Street. School, all grades, in charge of Sisters of St. Francis. Convent, 540 Front Street. Parish established in 1891.

ST. PATRICK'S PARISH, Chicopee Falls. *Pastor,* Rev. John R. Murphy. Curates, Rev. Richard J. Lawless, Rev. Edward J. Fleming. Rectory, Columbia Street. School, all grades, in charge of Sisters of St. Joseph. Parish established in 1872.

ST. GEORGE'S PARISH. Chicopee Falls. *Pastor,* Rev. George H. Gagnon. Curate, Rev. Albert E. Paquette. Rectory, 202 Main Street. School, all grades, in charge of Sisters of the Assumption. Parish established, as St. Joachim's, in 1893.

ST. ROSE'S PARISH, Aldenville. *Pastor,* Rev. J. B. Lamothe. Curates, Rev. R. C. Rheaume, Rev. O. N. Gevry. School, all grades, in charge of Sisters of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Parish established in 1909.

CLINTON

ST. JOHN'S PARISH. *Pastor,* Rev. P. J. Griffin. Curates, Rev. John P. Sullivan, Rev. Augustine B. O'Grady, Rev. T. B. Dillon. Rectory, 149 Chestnut Street. School, all grades, in charge of Sisters of the Presentation. Parish established in 1862.

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY PARISH. *Pastor,* Rev. S. C. Hallissey. Curate, Rev. C. A. Foley. School, all grades, in charge of Sisters of the Presentation. Parish established in 1909.

ST. MARY'S PARISH. *Pastor,* Rev. Stanislaus C. Zdebel. School, all grades, in charge of Bernardine Sisters of St. Francis. Parish established in 1916.

DALTON

ST. AGNES' PARISH. *Pastor,* Rev. P. H. Gallen, LL.D. Curate, Rev. D. E. Hennessey. Rectory, 489 Main Street. Parish established in 1907.

EAST DOUGLAS

ST. DENIS' PARISH. *Pastor,* Rev. James E. Meehan. Curate, Rev. Arthur A. Foran. Parish established in 1870.

EASTHAMPTON

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH. *Pastor,* Rev. P. F. Doyle, Ph. D., J. C. L., S. T. B. Curates, Rev. T. F. Neary, Rev. Joseph E. Lynch. Rectory, 33 Adams Street. School, all grades in charge of Sisters of St. Joseph. Parish established in 1871.

OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL PARISH. *Pastor,* Rev. A. Buisson. Curate, Rev. Aime O. De Blois. Rectory, 27 Pleasant Street. School, all grades, in charge of Sisters of St. Ann. Parish established in 1904.

SACRED HEART PARISH. *Pastor,* Rev. A. Lekarczyk, Ph. D., S. T. L. Curate, Rev. Joseph Szczepaniak. Rectory, 33 Knipfer Avenue. School, all grades, in charge of Felician Sisters. Parish established in 1909.

EAST LONGMEADOW

ST. MICHAEL'S PARISH. *Pastor,* Rev. John J. Rogers. Curate Rev. John R. Shannon. Mission, St. Mary's Church, Longmeadow. Parish established in 1894.

FAIRVIEW

ST. ANNE'S PARISH. *Pastor,* Rev. L. T. Ruty. Post Office, Holyoke. Parish established in 1912.

FISHERVILLE

ST. JAMES' PARISH. *Pastor,* Rev. W. J. Lucey. Curate, Rev. Richard J. Welch. Parish established in 1887.

FISKDALE

ST. PATRICK'S AND ST. ANN'S. *Pastor,* Rev. J. A. Jacques. Parish established in 1886.

FITCHBURG

ST. BERNARD'S PARISH. *Pastor,* Rt. Rev. Msgr. J. J. Donnelly, P. R. Curates, Rev. William L. Mulcahy, Rev. John M. O'Brien, Rev. Martin J. Forhan, Rev. W. V. Lucey. Rectory, 240 Water Street. School, all grades and high school, in charge of Sisters of the Presentation. Parish established in 1856.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH. *Pastor,* Rev. W. J. Morin. Curates, Rev. R. A. Laporte, Rev. Joseph H. Foucault. Rectory, 59 Walnut Street. School, all grades, in charge of Daughters of the Holy Ghost. Convent, 153 Payson Street. Parish established in 1886.

ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH. *Pastor,* Rev. Simon Forestier, M. S. Curates, Rev. Jean Baptiste Pilloix, M. S., Rev. P. Roux, M. S., Rev. Alpheric Chartier, M. S., Rev. Alphonse Lachapelle, M. S. Rectory, 46 Woodland Street. School, all grades, in charge of Faithful Companions of Jesus. Parish established in 1890.

SACRED HEART PARISH, West Fitchburg. *Pastor,* Rev. Thomas S. Hanrahan. Curates, Rev. J. E. McDermott, Rev. Thomas S. Hanrahan. Rectory, 22 Cottage Street. School, all grades, in charge of the Sisters of the Presentation. Parish established in 1880.

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH, South Fitchburg. *Pastor,* Rev. L. A. Langlois. Curates, Rev. Sylvio P. Thomas, Rev. Tancrede Beauregard. Rectory, 64 Dover Street. School, all grades, in charge of Daughters of the Holy Ghost. Parish established in 1903.

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA PARISH. *Pastor,* Rev. A. Carpinella. Curate, Rev. George V. O'Rourke. Rectory, Beekman and Salem Streets. School, in charge of Venerini Sisters. Parish established in 1907.

FLORENCE

ANNUNCIATION PARISH. *Pastor,* Rev. James A. O'Malley. Curate, Rev. John J. Gearin. Rectory, 79 Beacon Street. School, all grades, in charge of Sisters of St. Joseph. Parish established in 1878.

GARDNER

SACRED HEART OF JESUS PARISH. *Pastor,* Rev. William J. Foran. Curate, Rev. Charles E. Lynch. School, all grades, in charge of Sisters of St. Joseph. Convent, 100 Central Street. Parish established in 1880.

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY PARISH. *Pastor,* Rev. A. H. Powers. Curates, Rev. Philibert J. Therrien. Rev. Lionel F. Goddu. Rectory, 135 Nichols Street. School, all grades, in charge of Sisters of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Convent, 99 Nichols Street. Parish established in 1884.

ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH. *Pastor,* Rev. S. J. Chlapowski. Rectory, 358 Pleasant Street. Parish established in 1907.

GILBERTVILLE

ST. ALOYSIUS' PARISH. *Pastor,* Rev. John E. Doherty. Curate, Rev. John J. Szymczyk. School, all grades, in charge of Faithful Companions of Jesus. Parish established in 1894.

GRAFTON

ST. PHILIP'S PARISH. *Pastor,* Rev. John T. Casey. Curates, Rev. John W. Shea, Rev. John W. Hardiman. Missions, St. Mary's Church, North Grafton, and Our

Lady of Lourdes Church, East Millbury. Parish established in 1869.

GREAT BARRINGTON

ST. PETER'S PARISH. *Pastor,* Rev. Martin Murphy. Curates, Rev. James J. Donoghue, Rev. Thomas J. J. Connellan. Parish established in 1864.

GREENFIELD

HOLY TRINITY PARISH. *Pastor,* Rev. P. J. Meehan. Curates, Rev. Thomas F. Mullahy, Rev. Joseph M. Lynch. Rectory, 133 Main Street. School, all grades, in charge of Sisters of St. Joseph. Parish established in 1868.

SACRED HEART PARISH. Rev. John Kuszaj. Rectory, 58 Deerfield Street. Parish established in 1912.

HADLEY

ST. JOHN'S. *Pastor,* Rev. Francis C. Burns. Parish established in 1915.

HOLY ROSARY PARISH. *Pastor,* Rev. Stanislaus Feresz. Parish established in 1916.

HATFIELD

ST. JOSEPH'S. *Pastor,* Rev. P. Joseph Martin. Parish established in 1899.

HOLY TRINITY. *Pastor,* Rev. Joseph Stanczyk. Parish established in 1919.

HAYDENVILLE

ST. MARY'S PARISH. *Pastor,* Rev. John J. Kenney. Rectory, 103 Main Street. Parish established in 1889.

HINSDALE

ST. PATRICK'S PARISH. *Pastor,* Rev. James I. Mitchell. Mission, St. Matthew's Church, Becket. Parish established in 1868.

HOLYOKE

ST. JEROME'S PARISH. *Pastor,* Rt. Rev. Msgr. J. F. Fagan, P. R. Curates, Rev. H. J. Connery, Rev. Francis W. Hafey, Rev. John J. Finneran, Rev. M. J. O'Ryan. Rectory, 169 Hampden Street. School, all grades and high school, in charge of Sisters of St. Joseph. Convent, 218 Hampden Street. Parish established in 1856.

PRECIOUS BLOOD PARISH. *Pastor,* Rev. Gedeon Fontaine. Curates, Rev. Paul L. d'Amours, Rev. Joseph H. Boutin, Rev. T. A. Demers. Rectory, 56 Cabot Street. School, all grades, in charge of Sisters of St. Ann. Parish established in 1869.

SACRED HEART PARISH. *Pastor,* Rt. Rev. Msgr. W. E. Foley, P. R. Curates, Rev. James P. Gilrain, Rev. John F. Sullivan, Rev. John E. Forhan. Rectory, 435 Maple Street. School, all grades and high school, in charge of Sisters of St. Joseph. Parish established in 1878.

HOLY ROSARY PARISH. *Pastor,* Rev. John J. McCarthy, D. D. Curates, Rev. Wilfred R. Brophy, Rev. George J. Friel. Rectory, 50 Mosher Street. School, all grades and high school, in charge of Sisters of St. Joseph. Parish established in 1886.

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP PARISH. *Pastor,* Rev. Joseph Marchand. Curates, Rev. J. N. Dupuis, Rev. Henry J. Auger. Rectory, 271 Chestnut Street. School, all grades, in charge of Sisters of the Presentation of Mary. Parish established in 1890.

HOLY CROSS PARISH. *Pastor,* Rev. J. C. Ivers, LL. D. Curates, Rev. Daniel A. Crowley, Rev. J. M. Donahue, Rev. John B. Hughes. Rectory, 507 Appleton Street. Parish established in 1905.

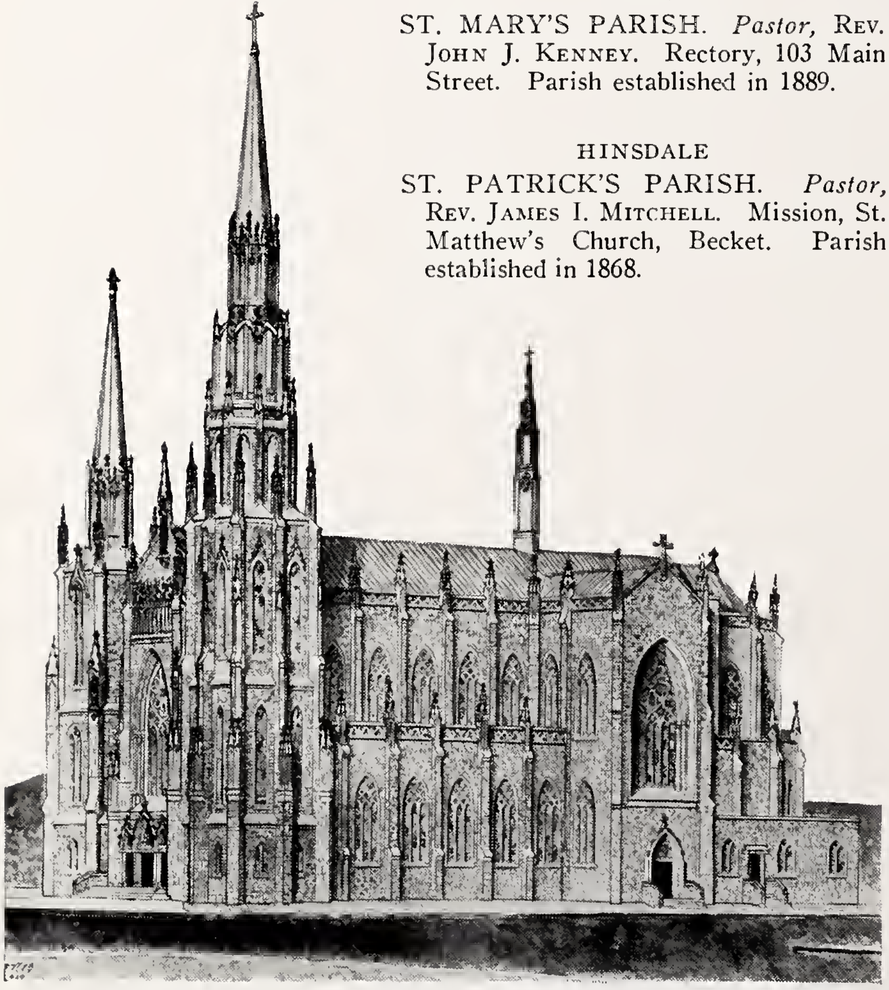
MATER DOLOROSA PARISH. *Pastor,* Rev. Theodore M. Kaczmarek, O. M. C. Curates, Rev. Fidelis Skiera, O. M. C., Rev. Thaddaeus Osewski, O. M. C. Rectory, 71 Maple Street. School, all grades, in charge of Sisters of St. Francis. Parish established in 1896.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH. *Pastor,* Rev. M. J. Ginet, M. S. Curates, Rev. Winifred Boulanger, M. S., Rev. Edouard Marcoux, M. S. Rectory, 54 Summer Street. School, all grades, in charge of Sisters of the Presentation of Mary. Parish established in 1905.

HOLY FAMILY CHAPEL, Brightside. Rev. F. M. Lahey, Chaplain.

MOUNT ST. VINCENT CHAPEL. Rev. William O. Feen, Chaplain.

BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH. *Pastor,* Rev. M. P. Kavanagh. Curate, Rev. J. J. Cawley. Rectory, 20 Hitchcock Street. School, all grades, in charge of Sisters of St. Joseph. Convent, 1989 Northampton Street. Parish established in 1913.



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Proposed new Church of St. Cecelia, Leominster. Rev. J. E. Chicoine, Pastor.

HOUSATONIC

CORPUS CHRISTI PARISH. *Pastor,* Rev. Joseph T. McKeon. Parish established 1899.

ALL SAINTS' PARISH. *Pastor,* Rev. Joseph Lekston. Parish established in 1913.

HUNTINGTON

ST. THOMAS' PARISH. *Pastor,* Rev. Walter T. Hogan. Curates, Rev. William F. Breen, Rev. Francis H. Kelly. Missions, St. John's Church, Chester, and Our Lady of the Rosary Church, Russell. Parish established in 1886.

JEFFERSON

ST. MARY'S PARISH. *Pastor,* Rev. T. H. McNamara. Curates, Rev. P. E. Long, Rev. Richard J. McIntyre. Mission, St. Patrick's Church, Rutland. Parish established in 1884.

LANCASTER

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH. *Pastor,* Rev. John W. Finnerty. Curate, Rev. R. W. O'Brien. Mission, St. Teresa's Church, Harvard. Parish established in 1916.

LEE

ST. MARY'S PARISH. *Pastor,* Rev. James P. Kirby. Curate, Rev. Edward J. Austin. School, all grades, in charge of Sisters of St. Joseph. Parish established in 1856.

LEEDS

ST. CATHERINE'S PARISH. *Pastor,* Rev. James M Burke. Curate, Rev. W. Stuart Shea. Parish established in 1916.

LEICESTER

ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH. *Pastor,* Rev. John J. O'Malley. Curate, Rev. William F. Fahey. School, all grades, in charge of Sisters of St. Joseph. Convent, Cherry Valley. Parish established in 1880.

LENOX

ST. ANN'S PARISH. *Pastor,* Rev. C. F. Donoghue. Curate, Rev. Francis J. Carroll. Parish established in 1891.

LENOXDALE

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL'S PARISH. *Pastor,* Rev. J. B. Donahue. Mission, St. Francis' Church, South Lee. Parish established in 1910.

LEOMINSTER

ST. LEO'S PARISH. *Pastor,* Rev. Michael T. Slattery. Curates, Rev. A. J. Daley, Rev. J. R. Wolohan. Rectory, 108 Main Street. School, all grades, in charge of Sisters of the Presentation. Parish established in 1872.

ST. CECELIA'S PARISH. *Pastor,* Rev. J. E. Chicoine. Curates, Rev. R. E. Leroux, Rev. A. B. Auge. Rectory, 168 Mechanic Street. School, all grades, in charge of Daughters of the Holy Ghost. Parish established in 1900.

LINWOOD

GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH. *Pastor,* Rev. A. Brault. Curate, Rev. C. A. Blain. School, all grades, in charge of Sisters of the Presentation. Parish established in 1904.

LUDLOW

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH. *Pastor,* Rev. J. E. LaRochelle. Curate, Rev. Alfred Rivest. Rectory, 181 Hubbard Street. School, all grades, in charge of Sisters of St. Ann. Parish established in 1904.

MANCHAUG

ST. ANNE'S PARISH. *Pastor,* Rev. J. I. Lord. Parish established in 1900.

MILFORD

ST. MARY'S PARISH. *Pastor,* Rev. Jeremiah A. Riordan. Curates, Rev. John P. Donahue, Rev. F. H. McCullough. Rectory, 27 Pearl Street. School, all grades and high school, in charge of Sisters of St. Joseph. Parish established in 1850.

SACRED HEART PARISH. *Pastor,* Rev. Raymond Dalla Porta, C. S. F. Curate, Rev. Joseph Costa, C. S. F. Rectory, 5 East Main Street. School, all grades, in charge of the Daughters of Our Lady of Mercy. Parish established in 1905.

MILLBURY

ST. BRIDGET'S PARISH. *Pastor,* Rev. D. M. Tully. Curate, Rev. Jeremiah M. Reardon. Rectory, 68 Maple Street. Parish established in 1851. Re-established in 1869.

ASSUMPTION PARISH. *Pastor,* Rev. J. M. Marceau. Curate, Rev. George F. Dumas. Rectory, 10 Waters Street. School, all grades, in charge of Sisters of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Parish established in 1884.

MILLERS FALLS

ST. JOHN'S PARISH. *Pastor,* Rev. Patrick E. Carey. Curate, Rev. L. Radzik. Rectory, 5 Church Street. Mission, St. Patrick's Church, Northfield. Parish established in 1898.

MILLVILLE

ST. AUGUSTINE'S PARISH. *Pastor,* Rev. Francis H. Swift. Parish established in 1884.

MITTINEAGUE

ST. THOMAS' PARISH. *Pastor,* Rev. James W. Dolan. Curates, Rev. John P. Shannon, Rev. Francis A. O'Connor. Rectory, 20 Pine Street. Parish established in 1900.

ST. TERESA OF THE INFANT JESUS PARISH. *Pastor,* REV. ALFRED POTVIN. Rectory, Bridge Street. Parish established as St. William's in 1883.

MONSON

ST. PATRICK'S PARISH. *Pastor,* REV. THOMAS O'KEEFE. Curate, Rev. Thomas P. Griffin. Missions, St. Mary's Church, Hampden, and St. Monica's Church, Wales. Parish established in 1878.

NORTH ADAMS

ST. FRANCIS' PARISH. *Pastor,* REV. E. P. DUNPHY, D. D., P. R. Curates, Rev. William T. Lee, Rev. William A. Foran. Rectory, 75 Eagle Street. School, all grades and high school, in charge of Sisters of St. Joseph. Parish established in 1863.

NOTRE DAME PARISH. *Pastor,* REV. C. H. JEANNOTTE. Curates, Rev. E. W. St. Martin, Rev. A. J. Barrette. Rectory, 228 Main Street. School, all grades and commercial high school, in charge of Sisters of St. Ann. Parish established in 1871.

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA PARISH. *Pastor,* REV. N. MONGIELLO. Curate, Rev. Ignatius Di Iorio. Rectory, 100 Holden Street. School, in charge of Venerini Sisters. Parish established in 1910.

HOLY FAMILY PARISH. *Pastor,* REV. P. H. GAUTHIER. Rectory, 1215 Massachusetts Avenue. School, all grades, in charge of Sisters of St. Ann. Convent, 634 State Road. Parish established in 1919.

NORTHAMPTON

ST. MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION PARISH. *Pastor,* REV. T. F. CUMMINGS, D. D., P. R. Curates, Rev. Bernard A. Kerrigan, Rev. J. Alfred Lane. Rectory, 3 Elm Street. School, all grades and high school, in charge of Sisters of St. Joseph. Convent, 64 Gothic Street. Parish established in 1866.

CHURCH OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH. *Pastor,* REV. J. W. BRODERICK. Curate Rev. Herbert F. Carroll. Rectory, 336 Elm Street. Parish established in 1899.

SACRED HEART PARISH. *Pastor,* REV. STANISLAUS GUILLET. Curate, Rev. J. O. Chevrette, D. D., LL. D. Rectory, 101 King Street. School, all grades, in charge of Sisters of Presentation of Mary. Parish established in 1886.

ST. JOHN CANTIUS' PARISH. *Pastor,* REV. VALERIAN FLIGIER. Rectory, 10 Hawley Street. Parish established in 1904.

NORTHBORO

ST. ROSE'S PARISH. *Pastor,* REV. J. B. MURPHY. Parish established in 1886

NORTHBRIDGE

ST. PETER'S PARISH. *Pastor,* REV. J. HORACE GELINEAU. Curate, Rev. Fernand Roy. School, all grades, in charge of Sisters of the Assumption. Parish established in 1904.

NORTH BROOKFIELD

ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH. *Pastor,* REV. J. F. MCGILLICUDDY, D. C. L. Curate, Rev. Thomas A. Shea. School, all grades, in charge of Sisters of St. Joseph. Parish established in 1867.

NORTH OXFORD

ST. ANN'S PARISH. *Pastor,* REV. PATRICK F. HAFEY. Parish established in 1926.

OAKDALE

OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL PARISH. *Pastor,* REV. WILLIAM F. SMITH. Station, Sterling. Parish established in 1929.

ORANGE

ST. MARY'S PARISH. *Pastor,* REV. JOHN F. MCDONNELL. Parish established in 1903.

OTTER RIVER

ST. MARTIN'S PARISH. *Pastor,* REV. JAMES T. REILLY. Curate, Rev. Daniel F. Daley. Rectory, 48 North Main Street. Parish established in 1864.

OXFORD

ST. ROCH'S PARISH. *Pastor,* REV. J. B. FARRELL. Parish established in 1886.

PALMER

ST. THOMAS' PARISH. *Pastor,* REV. M. J. CARROLL. Curate, Rev. R. J. O'Neill. Rectory, 76 Thorndike Street. Mission, St. Cecelia's Church, North Wilbraham. Parish established in 1864.

PITTSFIELD

ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH. *Pastor,* RT. REV. MSGR. B. S. CONATY, LL. D., V. G., P. A. Curates, Rev. E. F. Marshall, D. D., Rev. Thomas F. Finn, Rev. Francis A. Foley. Rectory, 414 North Street. School, all grades and high school, in charge of Sisters of St. Joseph. Convent, 370 North Street. Parish established in 1849.

NOTRE DAME PARISH. *Pastor,* REV. L. J. ACHIM. Curates, Rev. L. E. Laviolette, Rev. A. J. Gravel. Rectory, Melville Street. Parish established in 1867.

ST. CHARLES' PARISH. *Pastor,* REV. J. P. MOORE. Curate, Rev. Joseph M. Ryan. Rectory, 89 Briggs Avenue. School, all grades, in charge of Sisters of St. Joseph. Parish established in 1893.

HOLY FAMILY PARISH. *Pastor,* Rev. Valentine S. Teclaw. Rectory, 133 Seymour Street. Parish established in 1912.

ST. MARK'S PARISH. *Pastor,* Rev. M. J. Leonard. Curates, Rev. Martin J. Tracy, Rev. Lawrence F. O'Toole. Rectory, 27 Onota Street. Parish established in 1913.

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL PARISH. *Pastor,* Rev. Charles Zanotti, C. S. F. Curate, Rev. Henry Gabos, C. S. F. Rectory, 358 Fenn Street. Parish established in 1915.

ST. MARY THE MORNING STAR PARISH. *Pastor,* Rev. Matthew L. Boyne. Curate, Rev. John J. Morrissey. Rectory, 653 Tyler Street. Parish established in 1915.

SACRED HEART PARISH. *Pastor,* Rev. Patrick Dowd, S. T. D. Curate, Rev. Francis A. Powers. Rectory, 191 Elm Street. Parish established in 1919.

ST. TERESA'S PARISH. *Pastor,* Rev. James P. Lynes. Curate, Rev. J. A. Lahey. Rectory, 290 South Street. Parish established in 1926.

ROCHDALE

ST. ALOYSIUS' PARISH. *Pastor,* Rev. Jeremiah J. McCarthy. Parish established in 1904.

SHEFFIELD

OUR LADY OF THE VALLEY PARISH. *Pastor,* Rev. Patrick F. Coyle, D. D. Mission, Immaculate Conception Church, Mill River. Summer Chapel, Monterey. Parish established in 1901.

SHELBURNE FALLS

ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH. *Pastor,* Rev. Charles L. Foley. Curate, Rev. Edmund F. Curran. Rectory, 34 Monroe Street. Missions, St. John the Baptist Church, Colrain, and St. Christopher's Church, Charlemont. Parish established in 1883.

SHREWSBURY

ST. MARY'S PARISH. *Pastor,* Rev. Thomas F. McKoan. Curates, Rev. W. H. Adrain, Rev. Francis J. Warburton. Missions, St. Ann's, Lake Shore, Shrewsbury, and St. Mary's, Boylston. Parish established in 1922.

SOUTH BARRE

ST. THOMAS' PARISH. *Pastor,* Rev. William H. O'Malley. Parish established in 1920.

SOUTHBORO

ST. ANN'S PARISH. *Pastor,* Rev. Frank J. Maxwell. Curate, Rev. Edward J. Schuster. Mission, St. Matthew's, Cordaville. Parish established in 1887.

SOUTHBRIDGE

ST. MARY'S PARISH. *Pastor,* Rev. Denis Mullins. Curate, Rev. William F. Ahern. Rectory, 263 Hamilton Street. School, all grades and high school, in charge of Sisters of St. Joseph. Parish established in 1865.

NOTRE DAME PARISH. *Pastor,* Rt. Rev. Msgr. L. O. Triganne. Curates, Rev. R. W. Ouelette, Rev. Philip A. Lambert. Rectory, 61 Marcy Street. School, all grades, in charge of Sisters of Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Parish established in 1869.

SACRED HEART PARISH. *Pastor,* Rev. Victor Epinard. Curate, Rev. R. F. Therrien. Rectory, 40 Charlton Street. School, all grades, in charge of Sisters of Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Parish established in 1908.

ST. HEDWIDGE'S PARISH. *Pastor,* Rev. M. S. Hanyz. Rectory, 29 Summer Street. Parish established in 1916.

SOUTH DEERFIELD

ST. JAMES' PARISH. *Pastor,* Rev. Andrew A. Martin. Curate, Rev. George B. Healy. Rectory, 160 Main Street. Mission, St. Mark's, Conway. Parish established in 1895.

ST. STANISLAUS' PARISH. *Pastor,* Rev. John Langow. Parish established in 1908.

SOUTH HADLEY FALLS

ST. PATRICK'S PARISH. *Pastor,* Rev. H. J. Wren. Curates, Rev. John F. Prendergast, Rev. John P. O'Day. Rectory, 30 Main Street. Parish established in 1878.

Sacred Heart Church, Southbridge. Rev. Victor Epinard, Pastor.

John W. Donohue, Architect

SPENCER

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY PARISH. *Pastor,* Rev. John F. Boland. Curate, James A. Nally. Parish established in 1870.

ST. MARY'S PARISH. *Pastor,* Rev. J. O. Comtois. Curate, Rev. E. J. Lapointe. School, all grades, in charge of Sisters of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Parish established in 1887.

STOCKBRIDGE

ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH. *Pastor,* Rev. P. T. O'Connor. Parish established in 1922.

THORNDIKE

ST. MARY'S PARISH. *Pastor,* Rev. John F. O'Connor. Parish established in 1878.

THREE RIVERS

ST. ANN'S PARISH. *Pastor,* Rev. P. Benoit. School, all grades, in charge of Sisters of the Presentation. Parish established in 1882.

SAINTS PETER AND PAUL PARISH. *Pastor,* Rev. A. S. Krzywda. Curate, Rev. Joseph L. Niedzwiecki. School, all grades, in charge of Sisters of St. Francis. Parish established in 1903.

TURNERS FALLS

ST. MARY'S PARISH. *Pastor,* Rev. James W. McGrath. Curate, Rev. Joseph F. Gagan. Parish established in 1872.

ST. ANN'S PARISH. *Pastor,* Rev. James W. Casey. Rectory, 25 Sixth Street. School, all grades, in charge of Sisters of St. Ann. Parish established in 1884.

OUR LADY OF CZESTOCHOWA PARISH. *Pastor,* Rev. A. A. Skoniecki. Parish established in 1909.

UPTON

HOLY ANGELS' PARISH. *Pastor,* Rev. Gerald S. McGourty. Parish established in 1908.

O. E. Nault, Architect

Immaculate Conception School, Holyoke. Rev. M. J. Ginet, M.S., Pastor. Sisters of the Presentation of Mary in charge.

UXBRIDGE

ST. MARY'S PARISH. *Pastor,* Rev. R. D. Murphy. Curate, Rev. Edmund P. Marshall. Rectory, 71 Mendon Street. Parish established in 1853.

WARE

ALL SAINTS' PARISH. Rev. Philip M. Sullivan, *Administrator.* Curate, Rev. Francis E. Hilbert. Rectory, 17 North Street. Parish established in 1850.

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL PARISH. *Pastor,* Rt. Rev. Msgr. John T. Sheehan. Curate, Rev. J. A. Lussier. Rectory, off North Street. School, all grades, in charge of Sisters of St. Ann. Parish established in 1871.

ST. MARY'S PARISH. *Pastor,* Rev. Michael Kolbuck, M. S. Curates, Rev. Peter Jaworski, M. S., Rev. Michael Herbut, M. S., Rev. Francis Slusarz, M. S. School, all grades, in charge of Sisters of the Immaculate Conception. Parish established in 1905.

WARREN

ST. PAUL'S PARISH. *Pastor,* Rev. George J. Hurley. Curate, Rev. William J. Kiely. Rectory, East Street. Parish established in 1872.

WARREN, WEST

ST. STANISLAUS' PARISH. *Pastor,* Rev. Julius Jaworek. Parish established in 1913.

ST. THOMAS' PARISH. *Pastor,* Rev. John B. Messier. School, all grades, in charge of Daughters of the Holy Ghost. Parish established in 1893.

WEBSTER

ST. LOUIS' PARISH. *Pastor,* Rev. Garrett H. Dolan, P. R. Curates, Rev. F. C. Leahy, Rev. Joseph A. Lacey. Rectory, 15 Lake Street. School, all grades and high school, in charge of Sisters of St. Joseph. Parish established in 1853.

SACRED HEART PARISH. *Pastor,* Rt. Rev. Msgr. M. A. Desrochers. Curates, Rev. Rosario Cantin, Rev. J. A. Silvain. Rectory, 18 East Main Street. School, all grades, in charge of Sisters of St. Ann. Parish established in 1870.

ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH. *Pastor,* Rt. Rev. Msgr. A. A. Cyran. Curates, Rev. John Klekotka, Rev. John Oszajca. Rectory, 53 Whitcomb Street. School, all grades, in charge of Felician Sisters. Parish established in 1888.

ST. ANTHONY'S PARISH. *Pastor,* Rev. John A. Plavcan. Rectory, 108 School Street. Parish established in 1908.

WESTBORO

ST LUKE'S PARISH. *Pastor,* Rev. Richard E. Power. Curate, Rev. Richard J. Dee (Chaplain, Lyman School). Rectory, 70 West Main Street. Parish established in 1870.

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WESTFIELD

ST. MARY'S PARISH. *Pastor,* Rev. James P. Curran. Curates, Rev. F. J. Donoghue, Rev. Henry M. Burke. Rectory, 30 Bartlett Street. School, all grades and high school, in charge of Sisters of St. Joseph. Parish established in 1862.

OUR LADY OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT CHURCH. *Pastor,* Rev. P. J. O'Malley. Curate, Rev. Edward D. Hendron. Rectory, 6 Union Street. Parish established in 1910.

HOLY TRINITY PARISH. *Pastor,* Rev. C. Litowski, M. S. Curate, Rev. Francis Jablonski, M. S. Rectory, 335 Elm Street. School, all grades, in charge of Sisters of St. Francis. Parish established in 1903.

ST. CASIMIR'S PARISH. *Pastor,* Rev. S. J. Vembre. Rectory, 12 Casimir Street. Parish established in 1915.

ST. PETER'S PARISH. *Pastor,* Rev. J. B. Pastorak. Rectory, 22 State Street.

WEST SPRINGFIELD

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH. *Pastor,* Rev. John A. O'Connell. Curate, Rev. W. Alton O'Toole. Rectory, 475 Main Street. School, all grades, in charge of Sisters of St. Joseph. Convent, 485 Main Street. Parish established in 1877.

ST. LOUIS PARISH. *Pastor,* Rev. George Trottier. Rectory, 817 Main Street. Parish established in 1904.

WEST STOCKBRIDGE

ST. PATRICK'S PARISH. Rev. John F. Mongovan, *Administrator.* Parish established in 1871.

WHITINSVILLE

ST. PATRICK'S PARISH. *Pastor,* Rev. John J. Foran, D. D. Curate, Rev. Paul T. Foley. Rectory, 126 Church Street. Convent, Sisters of Presentation. Parish established in 1889.

WILLIAMSTOWN

ST. PATRICK'S PARISH. *Pastor,* Rev. M. C. Carey. Curate, Rev. John J. Scanlon. Mission, Blackinton. Parish established in 1887.

ST. RAPHAEL'S PARISH. *Pastor,* Rev. A. J. Tessier. Rectory, 105 Cole Avenue. Parish established in 1891, re-established in 1893.

WILLIMANSETT

NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY PARISH. *Pastor,* Rev. L. A. Simard. Curates, Rev. J. Brodeur, Rev. O. A. Denomme. Rectory, 780 Chicopee Street. School, all grades, in charge of Sisters of the Presentation. Parish established in 1897.

ST. ANTHONY'S PARISH. *Pastor,* Rev. Celestine Rozewicz, O. M. C. Rectory, 56 St. Anthony Street. Parish established in 1928.

WINCHENDON

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY PARISH. *Pastor,* Rev. J. P. Hackett. Curates, Rev. W. A. Tisdell, Rev. T. F. O'Malley. Rectory, 52 Spruce Street. Parish established in 1871.

WORCESTER

ST. ANN'S PARISH. *Pastor,* Rev. William C. McCaughan, LL. D. Curates, Rev. Thomas A. Bolan, Rev. M. E. Shea. Rectory, 23 Eastern Avenue. School, all grades and high school, in charge of Sisters of St. Joseph. Convent, 85 Prospect Street. Parish established in 1856.

BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH. *Pastor,* Rev. W. E. Ryan. Curates, Rev. Thomas F. Curran, Rev.

James F. Hastings. Rectory, 551 Pleasant Street. School, all grades, in charge of Sisters of Mercy. Parish established in 1912.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH. *Pastor,* REV. J. P. MCCAUGHAN. Curates, Rev. P. Henry Sullivan, Rev. C. P. Malumphy. Rectory, 47 Prescott Street. Parish established in 1873.

ST. JOHN'S PARISH. *Pastor,* REV. EDWARD J. FITZGERALD, P. R. Curates, Rev. James W. Tobin, Rev. James B. Kennedy, Rev. J. E. Murphy. Rectory, 44 Temple Street. School, all grades, in charge of Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur; high school for boys, in charge of Xaverian Brothers. Parish established in 1834.

ASCENSION PARISH. *Pastor,* REV. J. G. DALEY. Curates, Rev. Joseph F. Holland, Rev. Leon D. McGraw. Rectory, 46 Vernon Street. School, all grades, and high school for girls, in charge of Sisters of Notre Dame. Parish established in 1911.

NOTRE DAME PARISH. *Pastor,* REV. L. D. GRENIER. Curates, Rev. C. N. Fortin, Rev. A. N. Gagnon, Rev. Sylvio Brodeur. Rectory, 5 Salem Square. School, all grades and commercial high school, in charge of Sisters of St. Ann. Convent, 19 Trumbull Street. Parish established in 1869.

ST. PAUL'S PARISH. *Pastor,* REV. JOHN D. MCGANN. Curates, Rev. Michael E. Lahey, Rev. R. T. Hoey, Rev. Francis J. Sullivan, Rev. John W. Curtin. Rectory, 42 High Street. School, all grades, in charge of Sisters of Mercy. Convent, 46 High Street. Parish established in 1869.

ST. PETER'S PARISH. *Pastor,* REV. J. J. BELL. Curates, Rev. Francis A. Kelly, Rev. J. C. Murphy, Rev. James J. Fitzgibbons, Rev. Edward T. Connors. Rectory, 929 Main Street. School, all grades and high school, in charge of Sisters of St. Joseph. Convent, 9 Ripley Street. Parish established in 1884.

OUR LADY OF THE ANGELS' PARISH. *Pastor,* REV. M. J. O'CONNELL. Curates, Rev. A. F. Sullivan, Rev. James P. Cavanaugh. Rectory, 1222 Main Street. Parish established in 1916.

OUR LADY OF VILNA PARISH. *Pastor,* REV. C. A. VASYS. Rectory, 5 Highfield Road. Parish established in 1926.

ST. BERNARD'S PARISH. *Pastor,* REV. GEORGE F. FLYNN. Curates, Rev. Edward P. McGuire, Rev. William H. Smith. Rectory, 286 Lincoln Street. Parish established in 1916.

SACRED HEART PARISH. *Pastor,* RT. REV. MSGR. JOHN P. PHELAN. Curates, Rev. Leo J. Shaughnessy, Rev. James J. Courtney, Rev. William J. Mahoney. Rectory, 596 Cambridge Street. School, all grades, in charge of Sisters of Mercy. Convent, 6 Pitt Street. Parish established in 1880.

ST. STEPHEN'S PARISH. *Pastor,* REV. JOHN LUNNEY. Curates, Rev. Henry J. McCormick, Rev. George R. Dudley, Rev. John A. Finn. Rectory, 16 Hamilton Street. School, all grades, in charge of Sisters of St. Joseph. Convent, 4 Caroline Street. Parish established in 1887.

ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH. *Pastor,* REV. W. H. DUCHARME. Curates, Rev. L. E. Parisien, Rev. Eugene Guerin, Rev. Leon Sauvageau. Rectory, 41 Hamilton Street. School, all grades, in charge of Sisters of St. Ann. Convent, Chrome Street. Parish established in 1891.

HOLY NAME OF JESUS' PARISH. *Pastor,* REV. JOSEPH A. DALPE. Curates, Rev. F. J. Brouillet, Rev. A. A. Aubertin, Rev. H. A. Boutin. Rectory, 51 Illinois Street. School, all grades, in charge of Sisters of St. Ann. Convent, 63 Illinois Street. Parish established in 1893.

ST. CASIMIR'S PARISH. *Pastor,* REV. AUGUSTINE PETRAITIS. Curate, Rev. John J. Bakanas. Rectory, 41 Providence Street. School, all grades, in charge of St. Casimir Sisters. Parish established in 1894.

ST. MARY'S PARISH. *Pastor,* REV. B. A. BOJANOWSKI. Curates, Rev. John F. Mieczkowski, Rev. Anthony S. Nasiatka, Rev. John A. Wieloch. Rectory, 15 Richland Street. School, all grades, in charge of Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth. Convent, 119 Endicott Street. Parish established in 1903.

ST. ANTHONY'S PARISH. *Pastor,* REV. S. J. DESAUTELS, D. D. Curate, Rev. E. G. Authier. Rectory, 7 Bradley Street. School, all grades, in charge of Sisters of St. Ann. Parish established in 1904.

OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL PARISH. *Pastor,* VERY REV. MSGR. JOACHIM MAFFEI. Rectory, 62 Mulberry Street. Parish established in 1905.

OUR LADY OF MERCY PARISH. *Pastor,* REV. GEORGE SEBHLANI. Rectory 70 Mulberry Street. Parish established in 1924.

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP PARISH. *Pastor,* REV. POLYCARPE WARDE. Rectory, 13 Houghton Street. Parish established in 1924.

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY PARISH. *Pastor,* REV. R. F. RILEY. Curate, Rev. Jeremiah P. Sheehan, D. C. L. Rectory, 23 Fales Street, Greendale. Parish established in 1911.

ST. MARGARET MARY'S PARISH. *Pastor,* REV. CHARLES H. DUFFY. Curate, Rev. George J. Dacey. Rectory, 122 Lake Avenue. Parish established in 1922.

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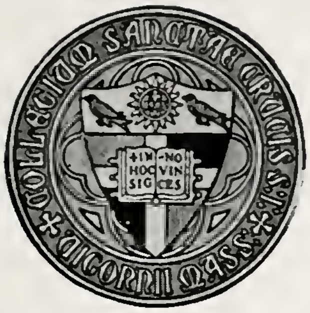
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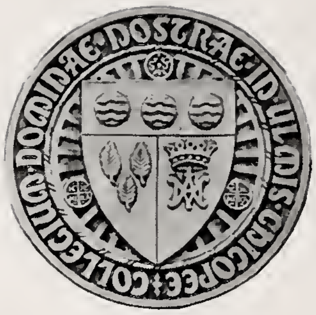
Seal of the College of the Holy Cross

From the traditions of heraldry, traceable almost to the day dawn of history, comes the custom of having symbolic seals to reveal the nature and aspirations of an institution, whether ecclesiastical or civil. The coats-of-arms, made famous by the ages of chivalry, were almost a necessity as a means of identification when warriors fought, armored cap-a-pie, so that by the twelfth century heraldry was a completed science throughout Christian Europe. In the Church, every bishop had his coat-of-arms on which was proclaimed, in symbol, the name and motto of his diocese and the family whence he sprang.

In modern nations, educational, fraternal and social organizations have evolved their seals from the coats-of-arms of heraldry, and these seals tell, in symbol and sign, the origin of the institution and the high purpose of its existence and labors.

The seal of Worcester's famous seat of classical scholarship furnishes the distinguishing marks of Holy Cross, as an institution of higher Catholic education, and recalls its origin, its name, and its aim. In the outer circle are the names of The College of the Holy Cross and Worcester, in Latin. The initials S. J. are for the Society of Jesus, the great teaching order which conducts the institution. The inner shield forms the traditional background for the heraldic symbols. The gold-edged book symbolizes learning. On the book appears the historic words *In Hoc Signo Vinces,* which blazed over the illuminated cross beheld in the heavens by the Emperor Constantine, before his epochal victory at Milvian Bridge. The book itself is mounted on a cross of gold, symbol of our Faith and its priceless worth. The cross divides the lower part of the field into four quarters, alternately red and sable, the colors which appear on the shield of Worcester, in England, whence the Heart of the Commonwealth derives its name. The upper part of the shield has in its center the emblem of the Society of Jesus, a blazing sun with the letters IHS., the first three letters of the Holy Name, in Greek. On either side of this classic emblem is a swallow, part of the ancestral crest of Right Reverend Benedict J. Fenwick, second Bishop of Boston, the founder of Holy Cross College.



Seal of the College of Our Lady of The Elms

The seal of Our Lady of The Elms tells in the language of heraldry of the diocese to whose girls it offers a college education, of its actual site on the elm-fringed campus at Chicopee, of the religious order whose teachers preside over the classrooms, and of the heavenly patroness under whose guiding and protecting care the new college hopes to make science and religion blossom as the rose in the minds and the hearts of its students.

Around the shield is a circular space containing the Latin words: *Collegium Dominae Nostrae in Ulmis, Chicopee,* or in English: College of Our Lady of The Elms, Chicopee. Within this circle is the seal, in the form of a shield, surmounted by the emblem of St. Joseph, patron of the teaching Sisters in charge of the new house of learning. The emblem of St. Joseph is the carpenter's square, through which runs the flowering rod of Jesse.

On either side of the shield is the conventional rose of heraldry, which here of course is the Mystical Rose, one of Our Lady's traditional titles, significant of purity and the sweet odor of sanctity.

The shield proper is divided into three parts. Above is the heraldic representation of the Diocese of Springfield—a field of three circles, filled with wavy bars of alternating blue and silver, representing the rippling waters of a sun-kissed spring, and so recall "Springfield," diocesan seat of the new college.

In the section of the left are three elm leaves, emblazoned in green and gold. The leaves recall the elms which give the college its name, and the colors are those of Our Lady of The Elms.

In the section on the right, in silver on a background of blue, is the emblem of Our Blessed Lady, Queen of Heaven. Above is the crown of a queen, and below, in monogram, are intertwined A and M, first letters of the Ave Maria, the greeting that God sent to Our Lady through His messenger, Gabriel.

And so, in heraldic symbol, the seal of the new college on the Connecticut tells of its origin in the labors of the Sisters of St. Joseph, of its home in the Springfield Diocese, of its dedication to Our Lady as its heavenly patroness, while the encircling inscription announces the enclosure to be the seal of the College of Our Lady of The Elms, Chicopee.

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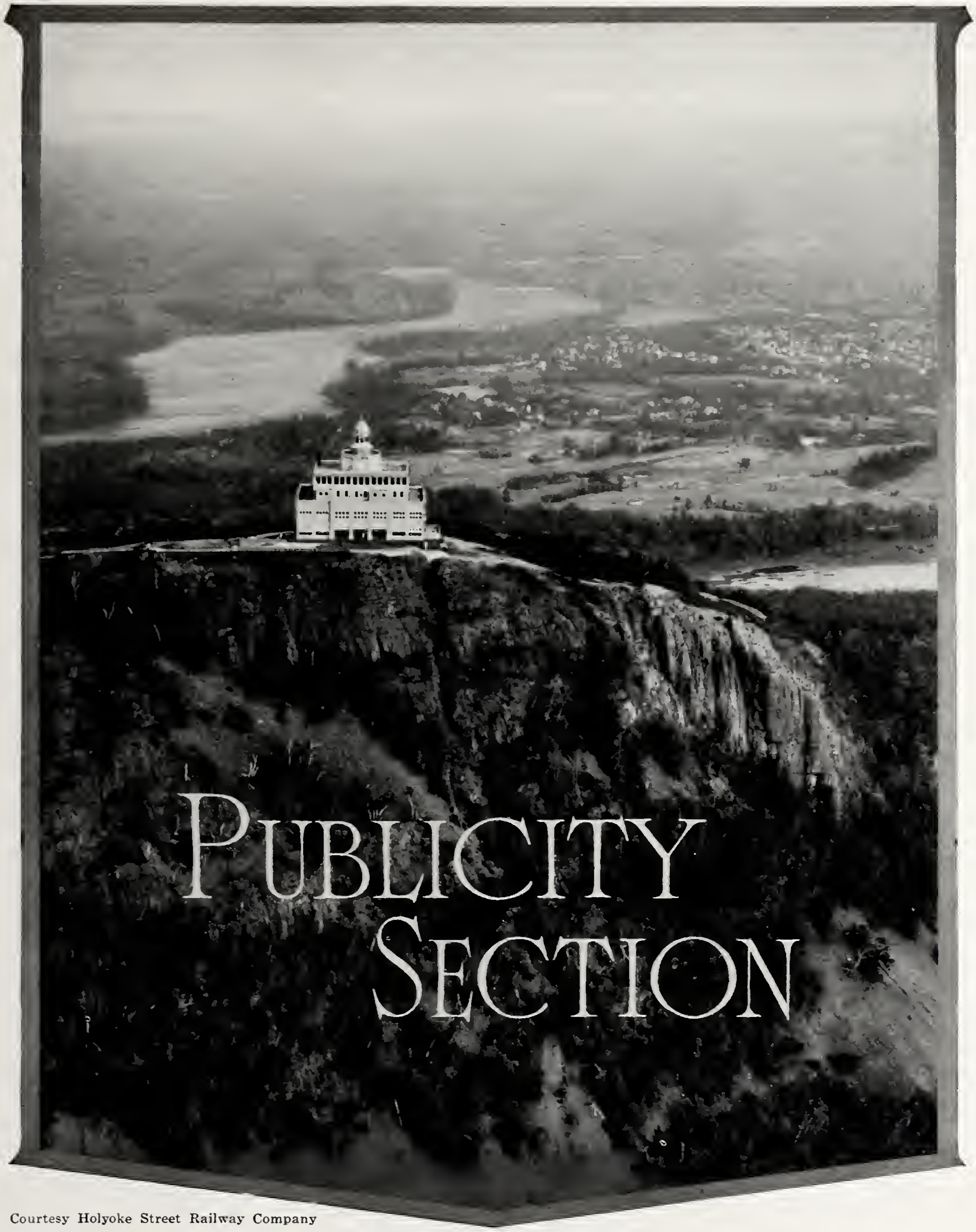

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This Jubilee Edition, with its special and wide appeal, is also interested in bringing the new status of our diocesan publication to the attention of Catholics everywhere, however remote from the busy centers of diocesan and commercial activity. Our purpose is to acquaint, or perhaps better, remind all of the splendid contributions which our diocese has made to the upbuilding of the Church in New England and to its present exceptional achievements in education, moral training and charitable endeavor. We are now enjoying our third episcopal reign since Springfield became a separate see, and each one has built firm and strong upon the foundations laid deep by zealous predecessors. We doubt if any diocese under the American flag has more to show for its heroic labors and self-sacrifice during a similar period, or is showing more rapid progress at the present hour.

It was Pope Pius X who warned us that our churches and our schools would be erected in vain, if they were not defended against anti-religious attack by a strong, virile press. Thus the Holy Father (and all Popes in modern times are as one on this necessity of the Catholic Press) announces that one of the milestones in the advance of a diocese is the establishment of its religious journal and that journal assumes the heavy responsibility of maintaining truth, defending it against malice and misinterpretation, exposing attempts to malign it and keeping its readers informed in Catholic current events, and the bearing of current happenings on Catholic life.

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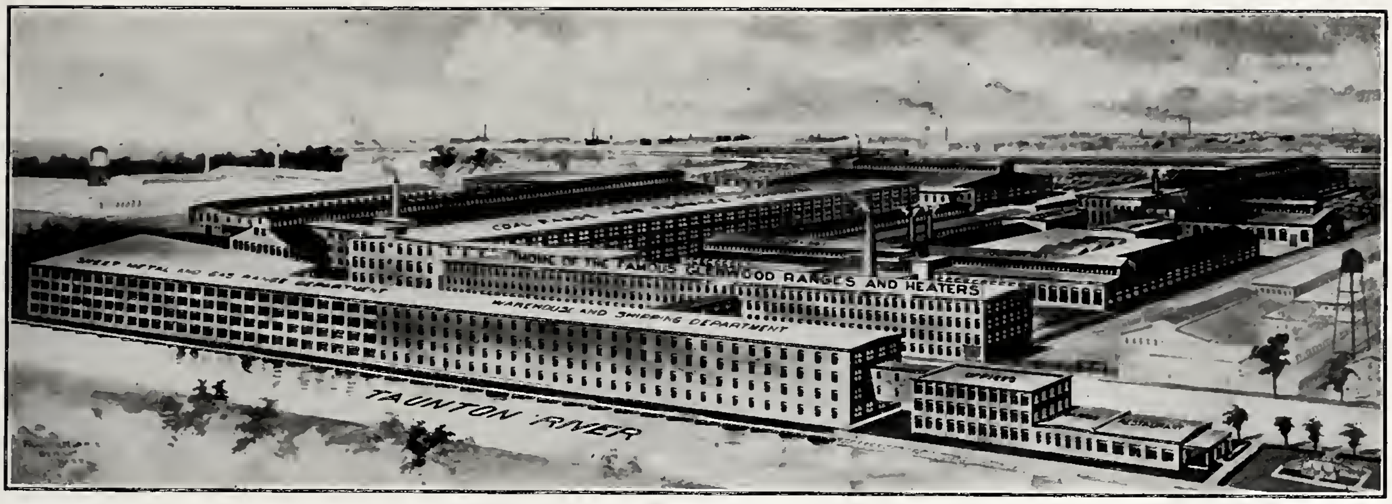
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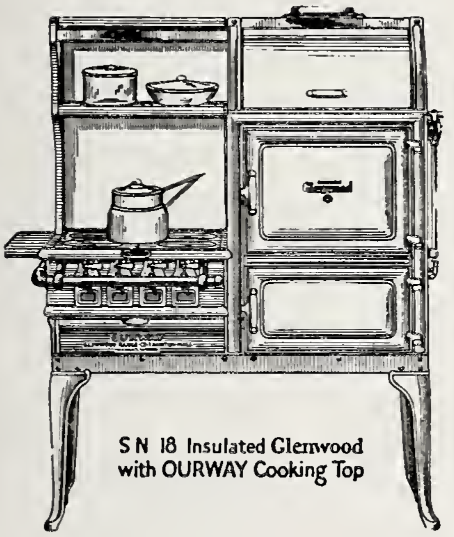

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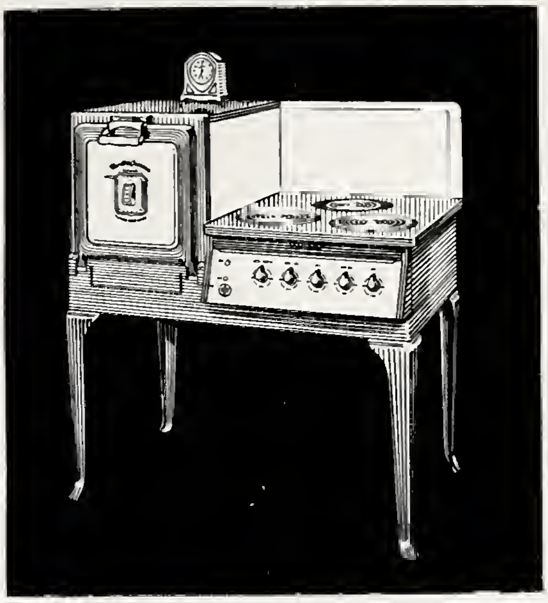

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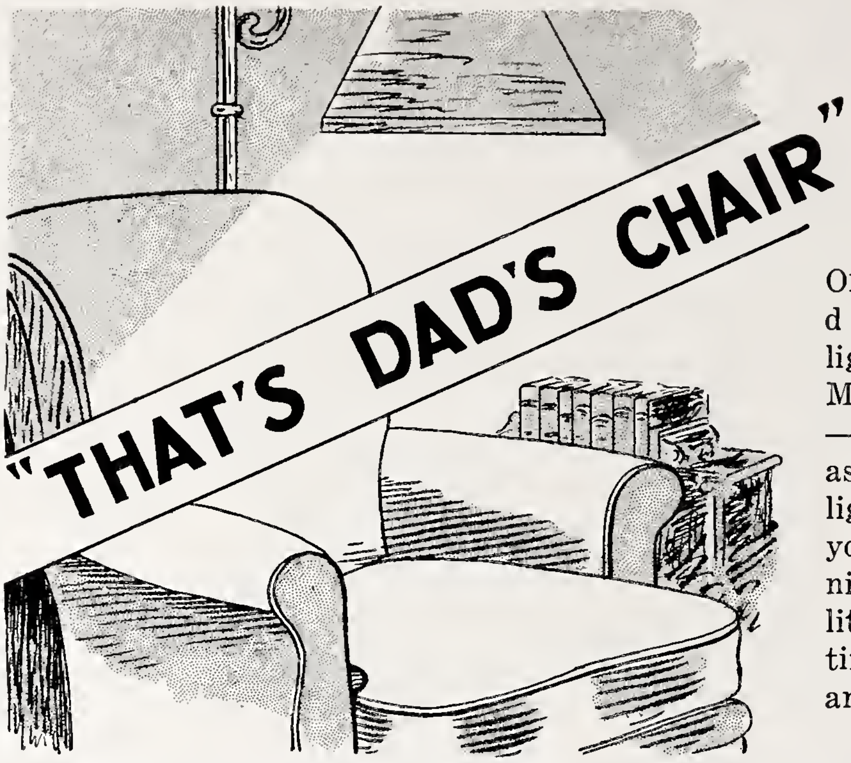

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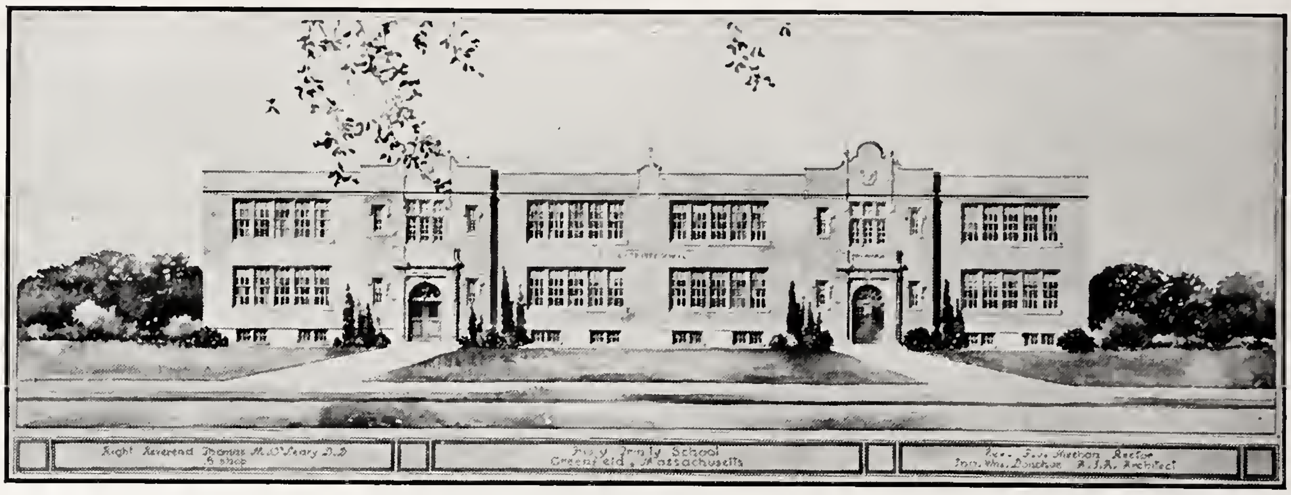
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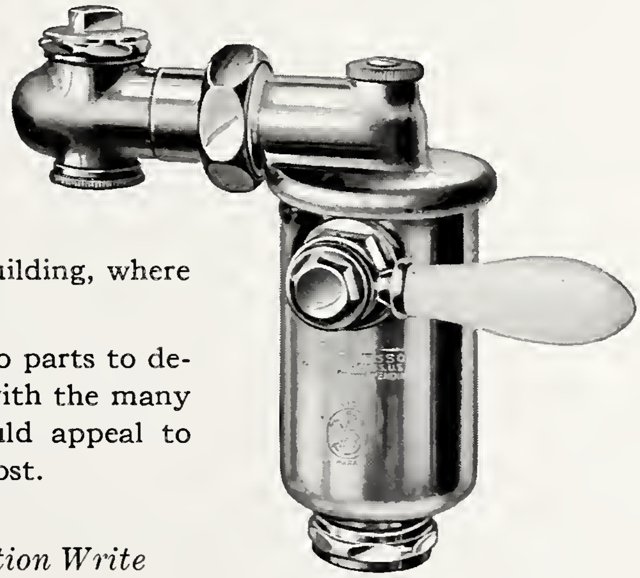

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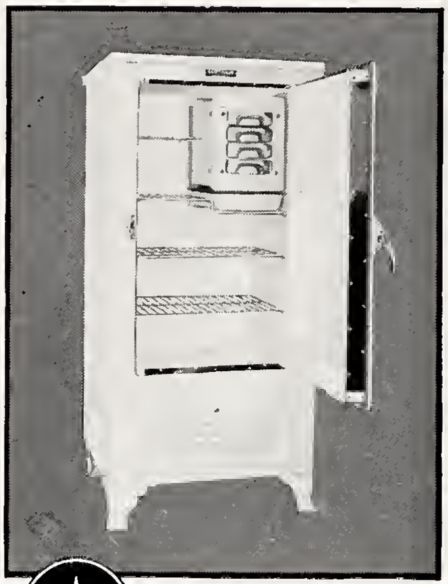

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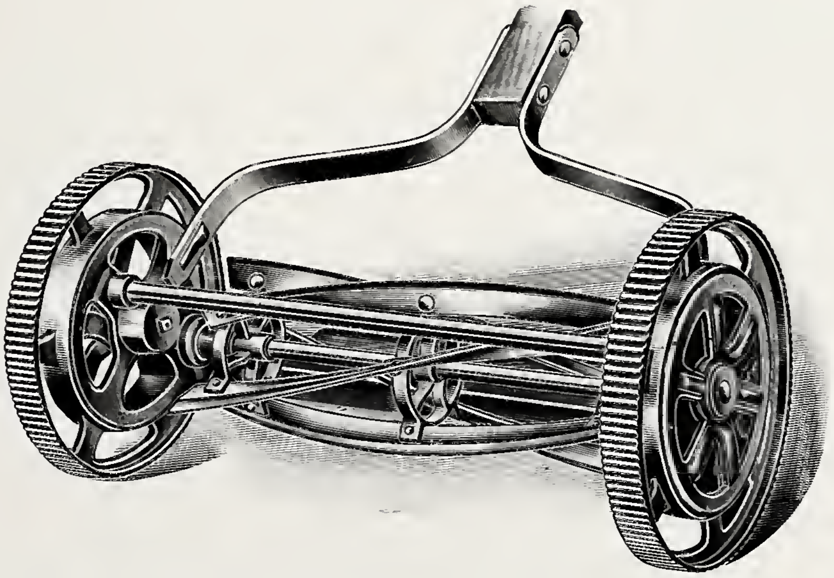

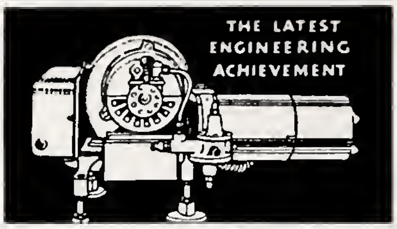

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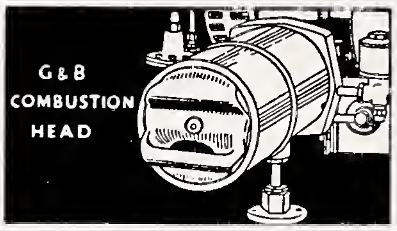

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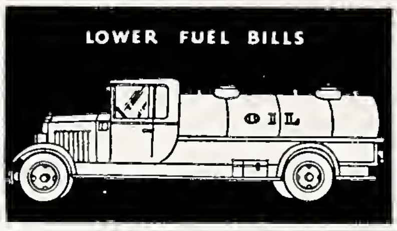

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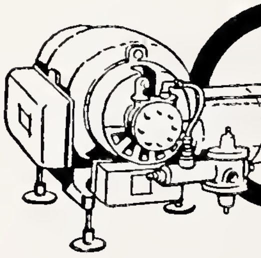

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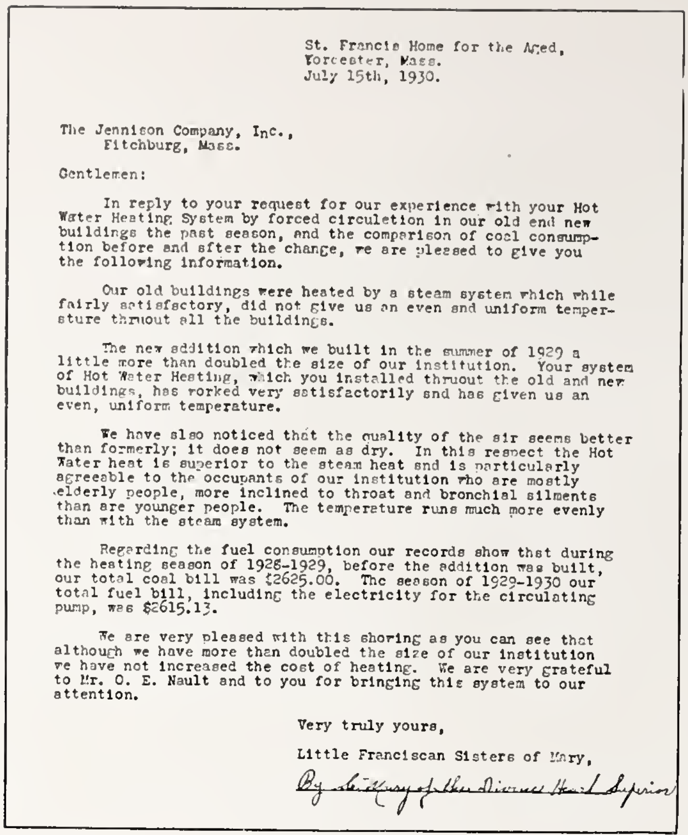

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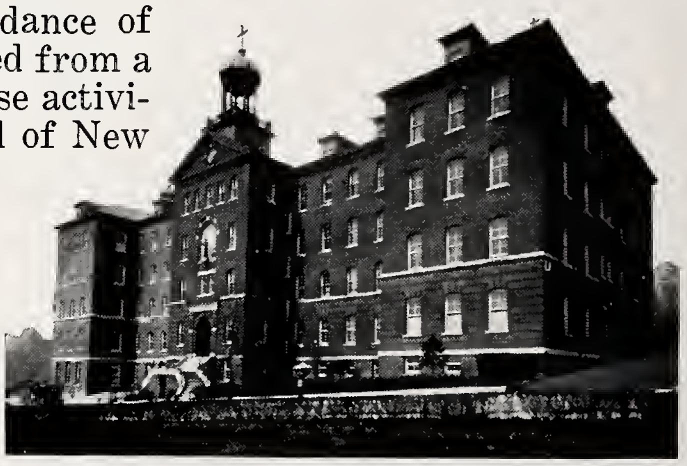

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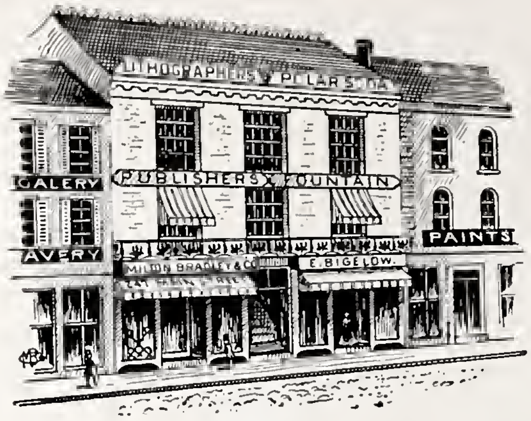

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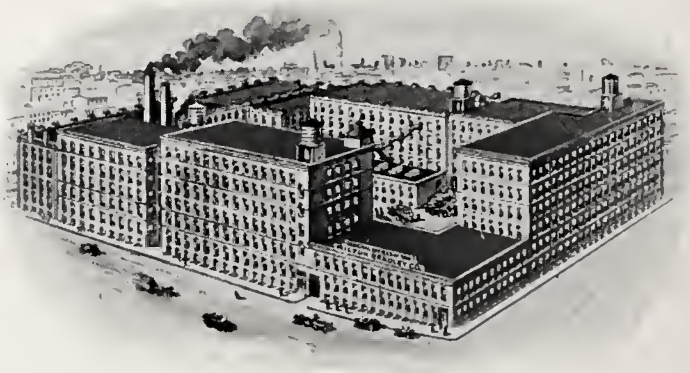

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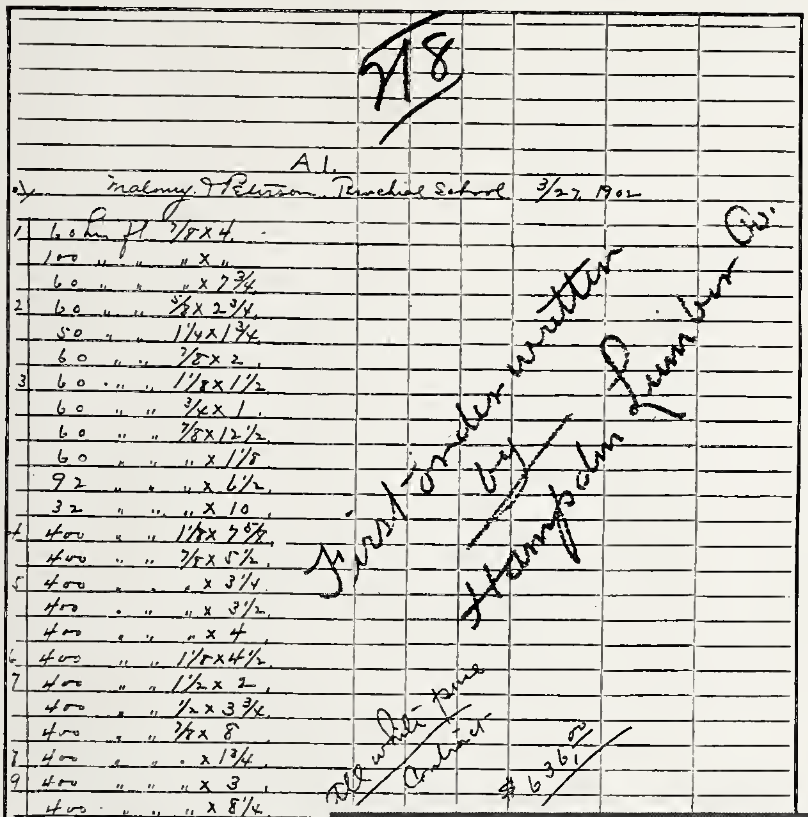

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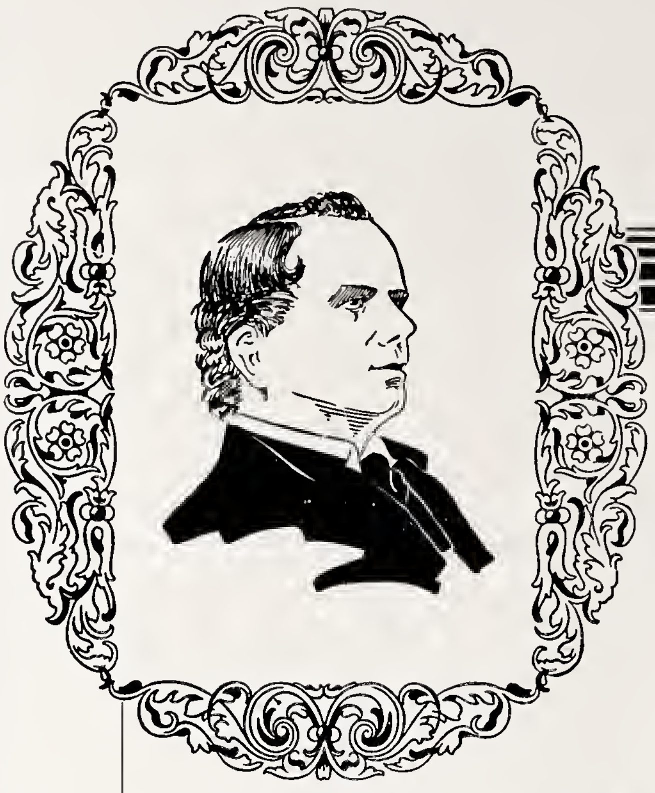

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Father James Fitton, born in 1803, was for many years a New England Missionary and Priest. When the Right Reverend Benedict Joseph Fenwick founded the College of the Holy Cross, he had a substantial foundation on which to build, for Father Fitton during his early days in Worcester had purchased a tract of land on Pakachoag or Hill of Pleasant Springs—which today is the College of the Holy Cross, the largest Catholic College in New England.

In 1827 Father Fitton was ordained priest. He endured the hardships of the pioneer, travelling hundreds of miles to hold services in remote settlements. It was in 1835 that Father Fitton was sent to Worcester, where he celebrated the first Mass in the shop of a mechanic of the town—he preached his first sermon in the Old Elephant Tavern, then on the stage route between Boston and Springfield. The later events of Father Fitton's life brought to him much of accomplishment and honor.

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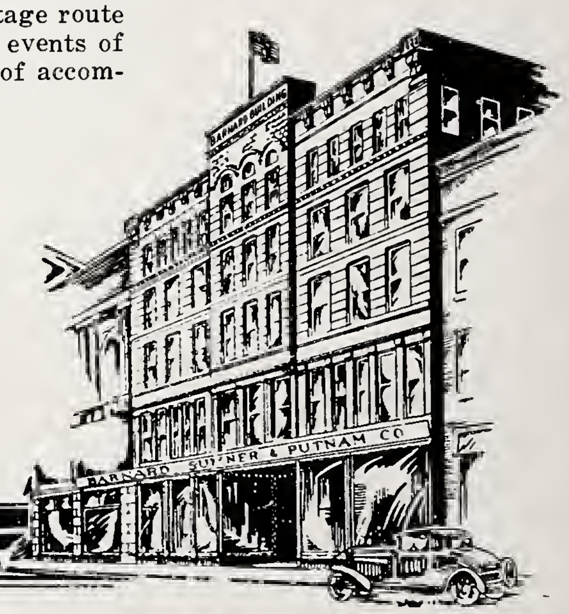

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Brick-making is so ancient as an industry that to record the first use of brick for buildings, you must go back to the dawn of history. The oldest structure of Egypt, the ruins of Ur, destroyed 2000 B. C., the walls of Ancient Babylon, the Great Wall of China are examples of the antiquity of brick-making. It is therefore remarkable that down through the centuries, past the middle ages, through the Renaissance, even to the middle of the last century, no noteworthy forward step in brick-making took place. Even today much of the brick in use finds its prototype in the houses built during the days immediately following the settlement of America. It is interesting to note in passing that while many of the old houses had walls of brick, these walls were covered with wooden shingles or clapboards. How different it is when the owner of a brick house is distinguished from his fellows today and envied by them. And, that this is due to the amazing advance in the art of brick-making, is unquestionably true.

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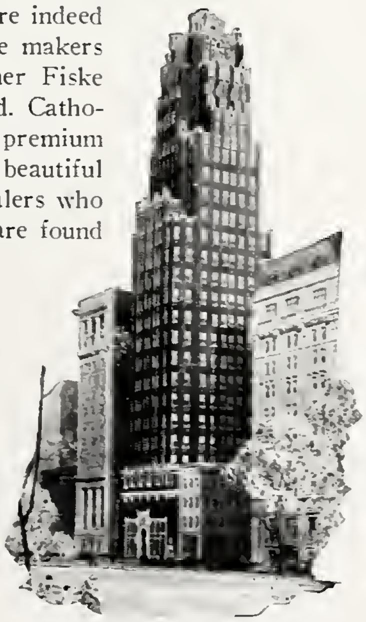

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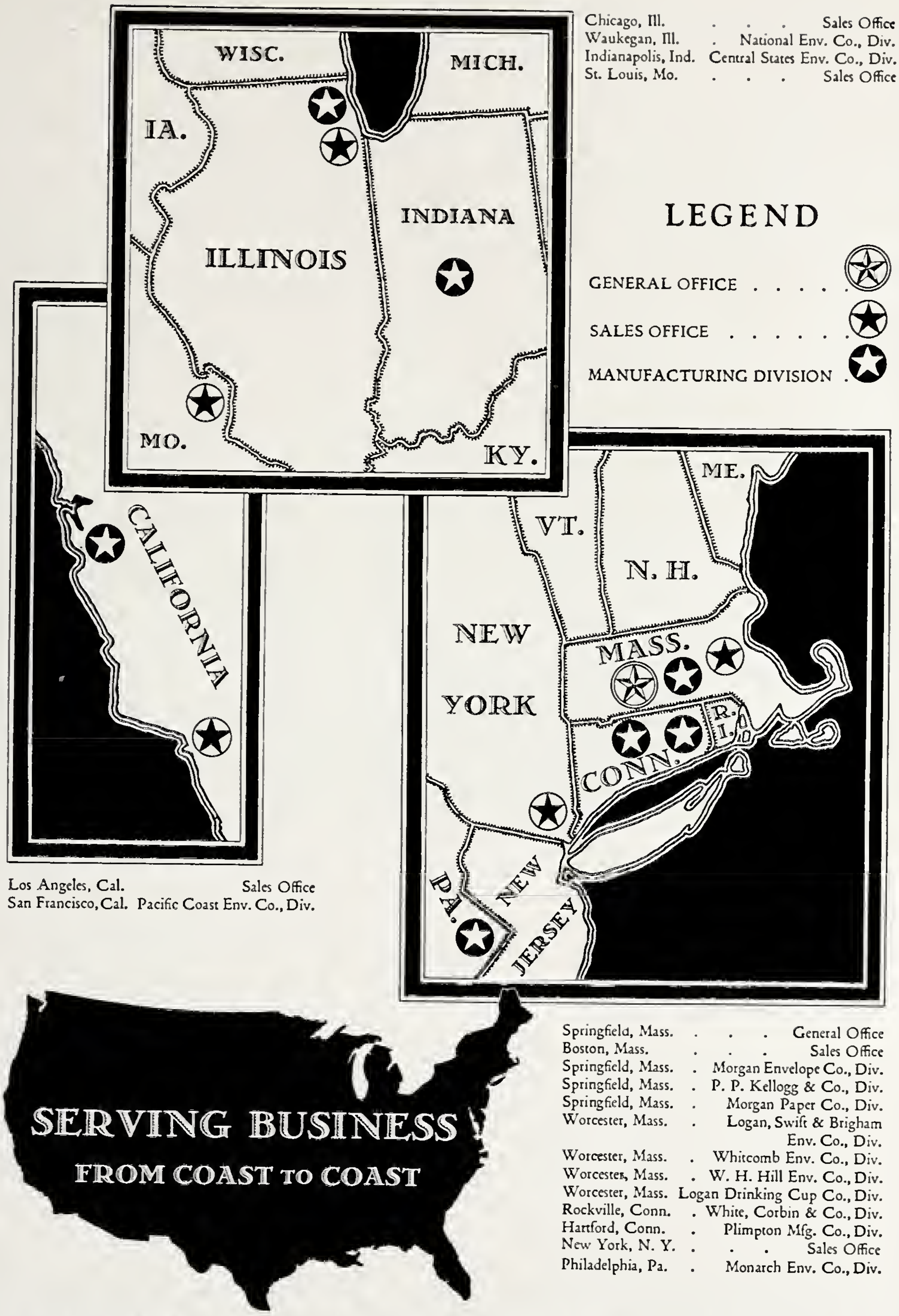
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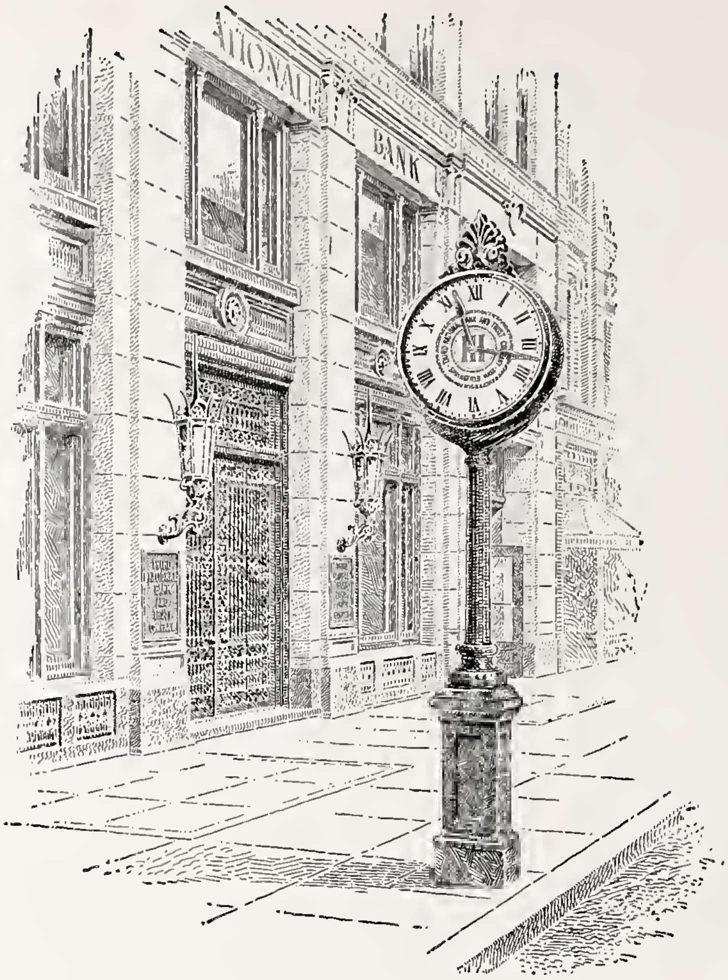

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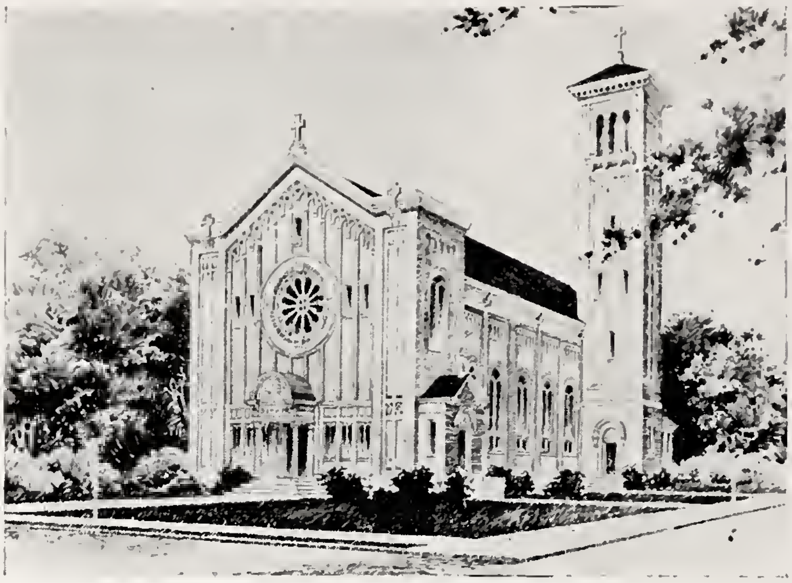

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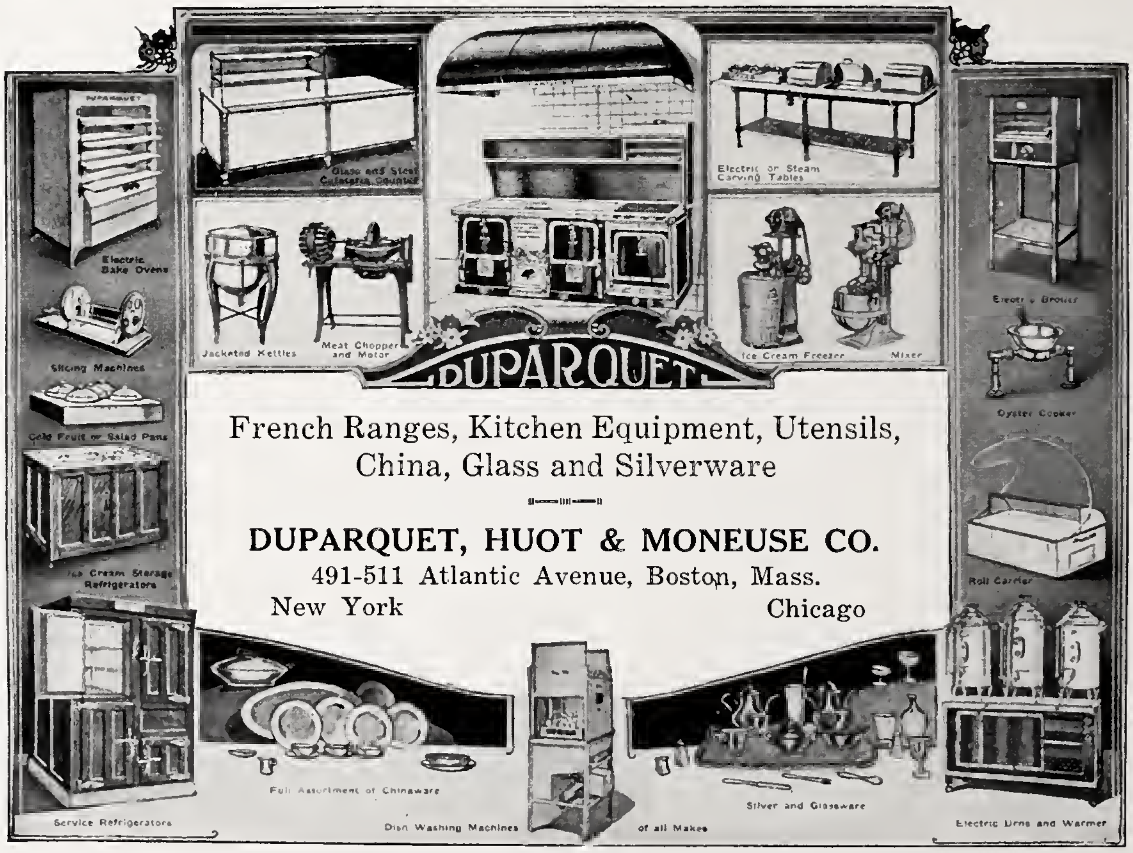
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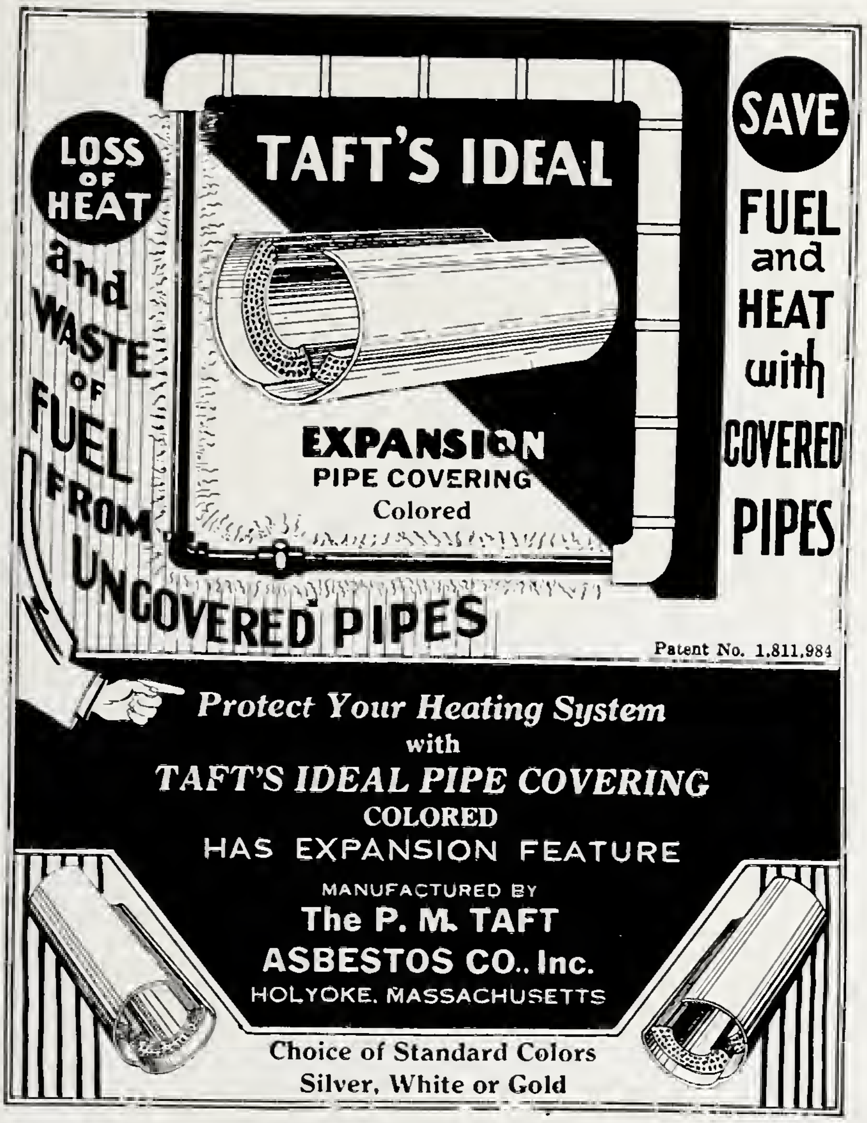

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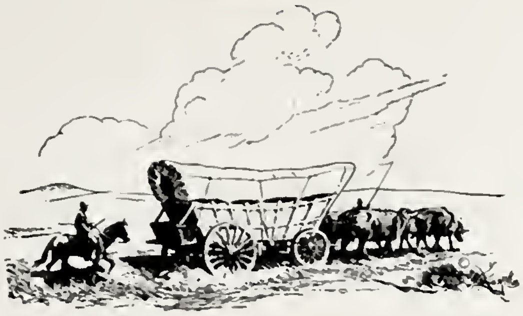

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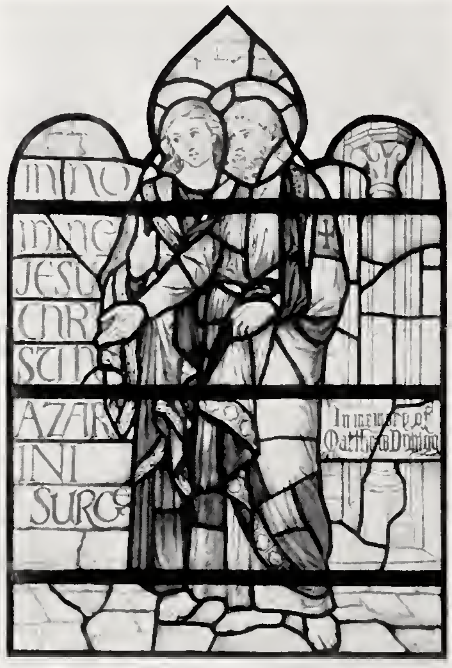

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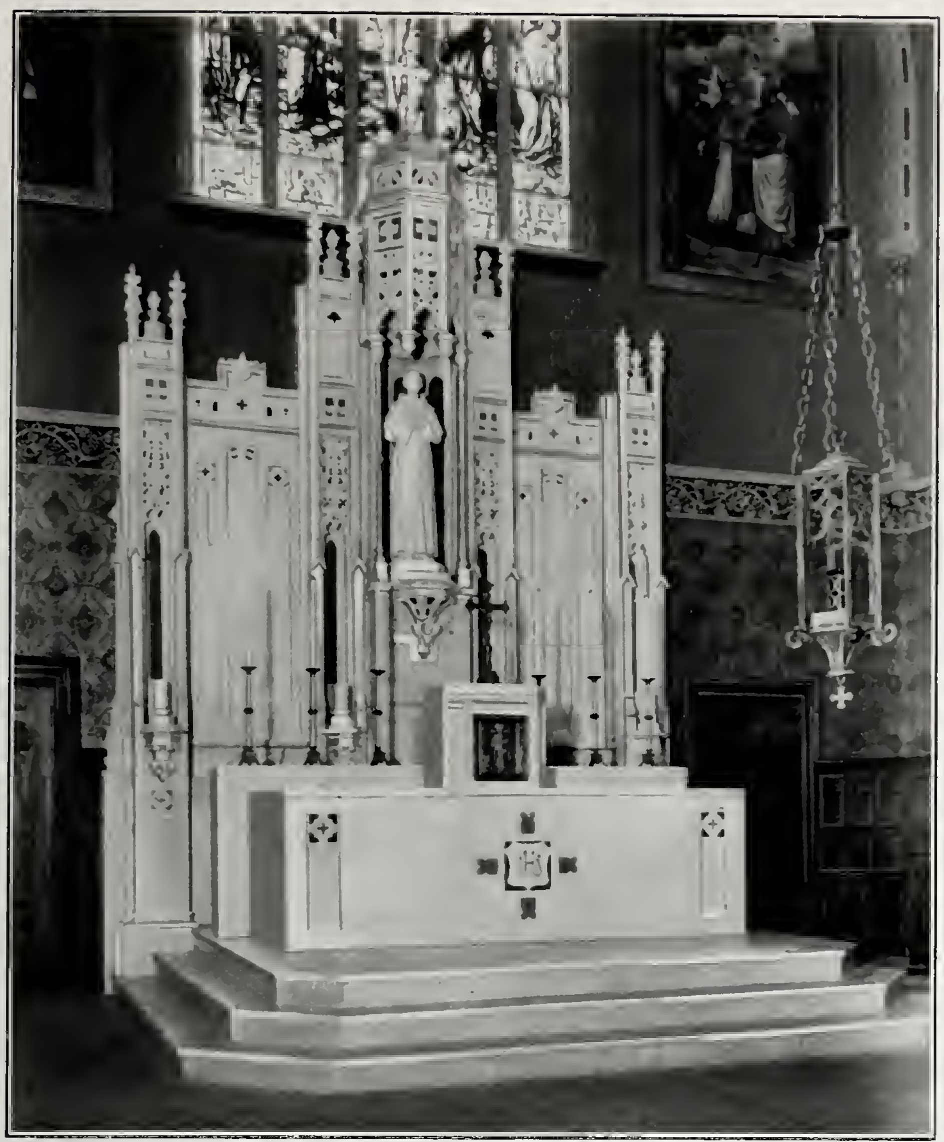

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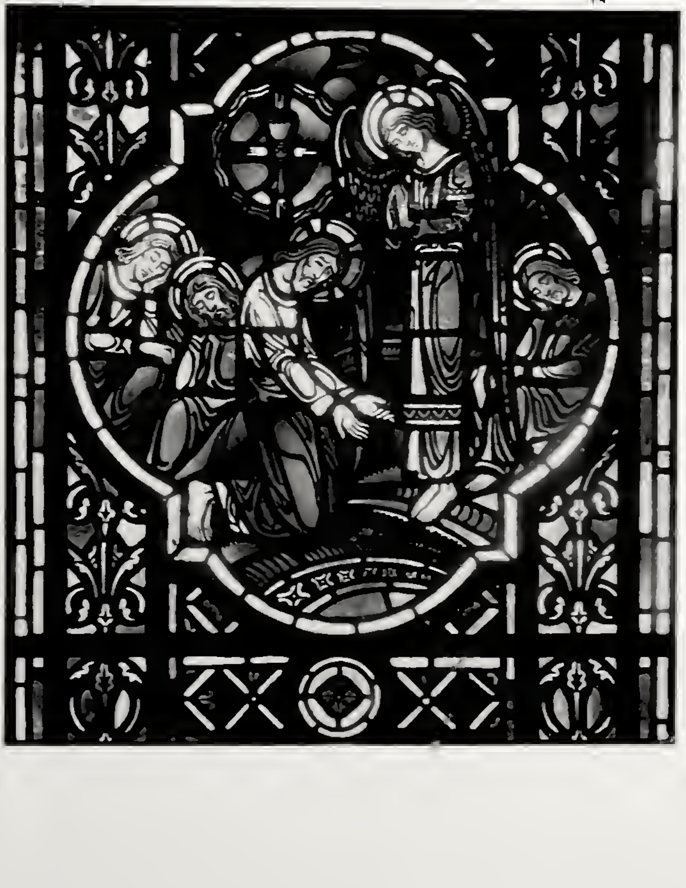

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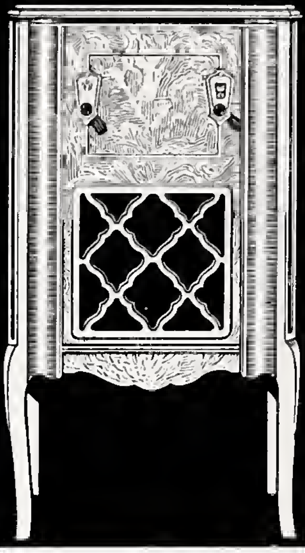

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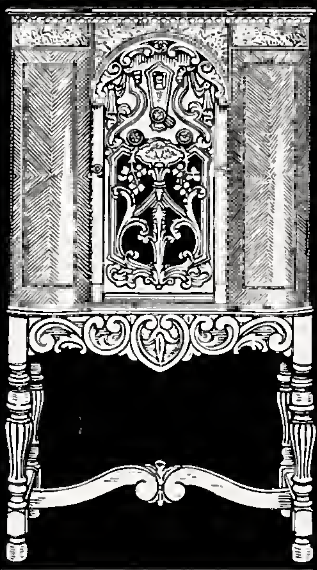

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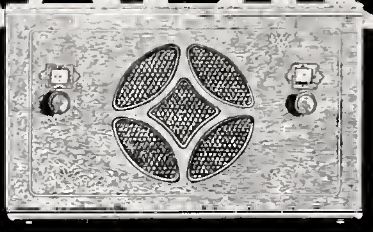

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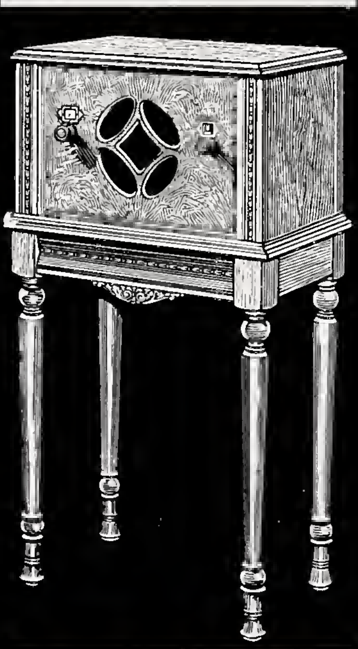

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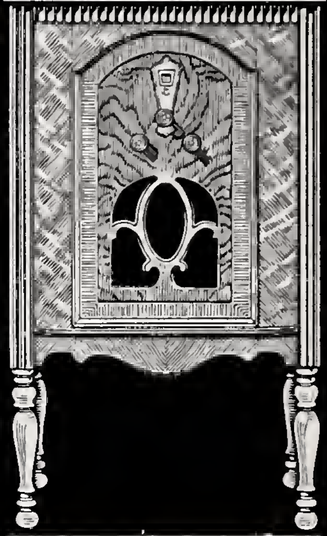

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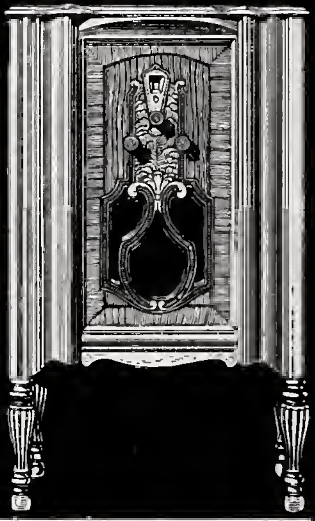

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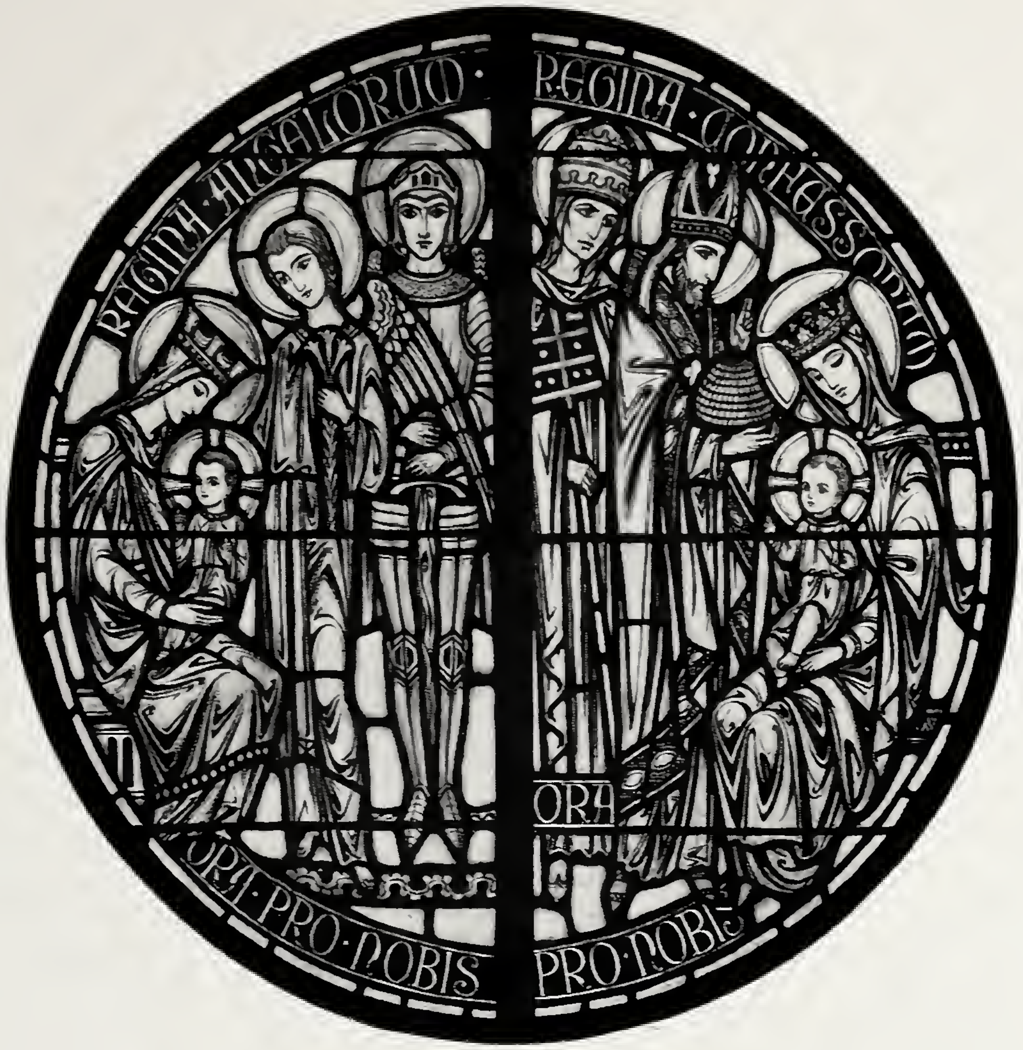

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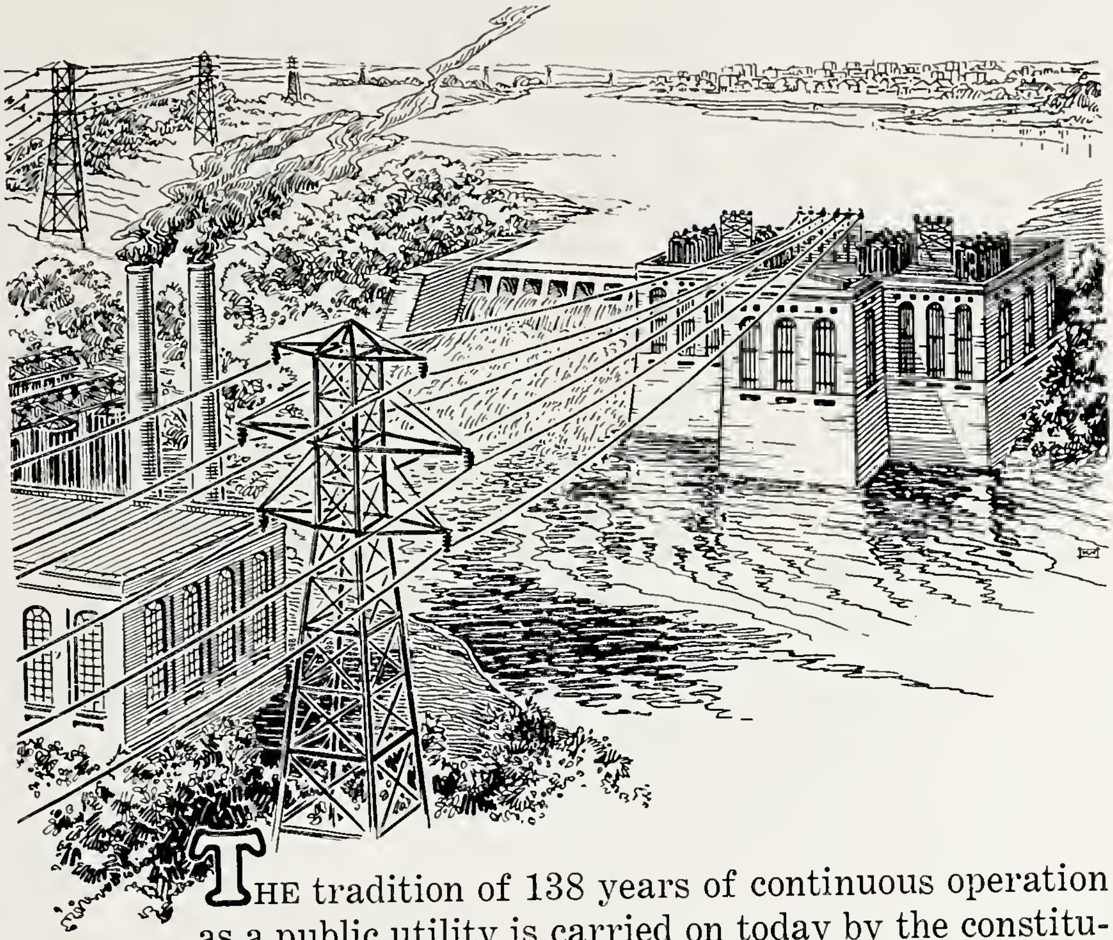

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*Addenda

THE following appointments and changes of pastors were announced by Right Reverend Bishop O'Leary subsequent to the date on which our Parochial Chronicle went to press, and therefore constitute additions to our story:

Rev. Daniel H. McDermott, D.C.L., pastor of Holy Rosary at Holyoke, appointed pastor of Sacred Heart at Springfield.

Rev. John J. McCarthy, D.D., pastor of St. Thomas' at Huntington, appointed pastor of Holy Rosary at Holyoke.

Rev. Walter T. Hogan, pastor of St. John's at Hadley, appointed pastor of St. Thomas' at Huntington.

Rev. Francis C. Burns, curate of St. Mary's at Brookfield, appointed pastor of St. John's at Hadley.

Rev. John F. Boland, pastor of St. Luke's at Westboro, appointed pastor of Our Lady of the Rosary at Spencer.

Rev. Richard E. Power, chaplain of House of Good Shepherd, Springfield, appointed pastor of St. Luke's at Westboro.

Rev. Arthur E. Sheedy, pastor of St. Bridget's at Amherst, appointed pastor of All Saints' at Ware.

Rev. Patrick J. Madden, pastor of Assumption at Cheshire, appointed pastor of St. Bridget's at Amherst.

Rev. John C. McMahon, curate of St. Peter's at Worcester, appointed pastor of Assumption at Cheshire.

Rev. James V. Hanrahan, pastor of St. Margaret Mary's at Worcester, appointed pastor of St. Matthew's at Indian Orchard.

Rev. James W. McGrath, pastor of St. Bartholomew's at Bondsville, appointed pastor of St. Mary's at Turners Falls.

Rev. Charles H. Duffy, curate of St. John's at Worcester, appointed pastor of St. Margaret Mary's at Worcester.

Rev. William J. Foran, pastor of St. Teresa's at Pittsfield, appointed pastor of Sacred Heart at Gardner.

Rev. James P. Lynes, pastor of St. Peter's at Petersham, appointed pastor of St. Teresa's, Pittsfield. Town of Petersham abolished to provide extension for Metropolitan Water Works Supply System.

Rev. P. Joseph Martin, pastor of St. James' at South Deerfield, appointed pastor of St. Joseph's at Hatfield.

Rev. Andrew A. Martin, curate of St. Bernard's at Fitchburg, appointed pastor of St. James' at South Deerfield.

Rev. Patrick F. Dowd, S.T.D., pastor of St. Patrick's at Hinsdale, appointed pastor of Sacred Heart at Pittsfield.

Rev. James I. Mitchell, curate of St. Thomas' at Mittineague, appointed pastor of St. Patrick's at Hinsdale.

Rev. M. C. Carey, pastor of Our Lady of the Valley at Sheffield, appointed pastor of St. Patrick's at Williamstown.

Rev. Patrick F. Coyle, D.D., curate of St. Joseph's at North Brookfield, appointed pastor of Our Lady of the Valley at Sheffield.

Rev. John W. Finnerty, curate of St. Jerome's at Holyoke, appointed pastor of Immaculate Conception at Lancaster.

Rev. J. S. Barry, D.D., chaplain of Lyman school at Westboro, appointed pastor of St. Bartholomew's at Bondsville.

Rev. C. F. Donoghue, pastor of St. Joseph's, Hatfield, appointed pastor of St. Ann's, Lenox.

Rev. John F. Mongovan, appointed Administrator, St. Patrick's Parish, West Stockbridge.

Rev. Phillip M. Sullivan, appointed Administrator, All Saints' Parish, Ware.

DECEASED (PASTORS)

Rev. Patrick A. Manion (*Page* 88), pastor of Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Spencer, died April 16, 1931.

Rev. Phillip J. Lee (*Page* 206), pastor of St. Mary's Parish, Turners Falls, died May 21, 1931.

Rev. George W. Welch (*Page* 184), pastor of Sacred Heart Parish, Pittsfield, died June 28, 1921.

Rev. Arthur E. Sheedy (*Page* 190), pastor of All Saints' Parish, Ware, died August 16, 1931.

Rev. Jeremiah F. Sullivan (*Page* 180), pastor of St. Patrick's Parish, West Stockbridge, died August 22, 1931.

DECEASED (FRATERNAL)

Patrick J. Dowd (*Page* 265), Holyoke, National Secretary of the A. O. H., died July 12, 1931.

FRATERNAL ADDITIONS

On August 28, 1931, State Deputy Joseph M. Kirby, of the Knights of Columbus, announced the following new district deputies; Anthony J. Lynch, Pittsfield; William E. Nolen, Holyoke; Joseph A. Furey, Palmer; Thomas M. Dooling, Fitchburg; Edward X. Jalbert, Fisherville.

On July 24, 1931, John J. O'Connor, Holyoke, Past State President of the Ancient Order of Hibernians (*Pages* 265-266), was elected National Vice-President of the Order.

Mrs. Mary Martin Silk, Worcester, is National President of the A. O. H. Auxiliary (*Pages* 265-266).

Architect for proposed municipal auditorium in Worcester (*Page* 52) is F. C. Hirons, of New York, assisted by L. W. Briggs, of Worcester.

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